



GUIDANCE NOTES FOR RSS HONOURS AND AWARDS

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| • Guy Medal in Gold | • The Barnett Award | • Chambers Medal |
| • Guy Medal in Silver | • Howard Medal | • Honorary Fellowship |
| • Guy Medal in Bronze | • Francis Wood Medal | • David Cox Research Prize |

Further information regarding nominations and the role of the Honours Committee

- Nominations for awards should be made on the appropriate form (included on the webpage describing the award) accompanied, if required list of publications of the candidate, or links to further information.
- The Honours Committee will not consider additional letters of recommendation or support and so these should not be solicited or sent.
- When making a nomination, please consider the award criteria carefully and ensure that it is met – the nomination form is designed to guide you through the process.
- During each award round, the Honours Committee considers nominations based on information provided and its own research. It does not have the authority to introduce additional candidates and therefore it is important that individual fellows, members of our committees and sections, special interest groups and local groups, take seriously the need to make appropriate nominations, and that nominations are actively sought from appropriate outside bodies and individuals.
- After making recommendations for awards, the Honours Committee has the authority to decide whether to carry forward any unsuccessful nominations to the succeeding year. If it does so, the original nominators will be contacted and asked if they wish to update the nomination.
- The Honours Committee will also review these published guidelines in the light of experience and make any recommendations for amendments to Council.
- The formal task of the Honours Committee is to make recommendations to Council, which then takes the decision to make the awards.
- In any given year, no individual may be awarded more than one of the Society's medals, and no medal may be awarded to more than one individual.
- All awards are given only to fellows of the Society other than Honorary Fellowship where they can be a non-member.

Timeline

- Nominations for awards to be given in the following year open in May. The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31 October.
- The Honours Committee meets in November/December to consider all nominations and agree on award recipients to be recommended to the RSS Council.
- RSS Council to confirm recipients of awards in January/February.
- Award recipients are notified in February/March.
- Awards are publicly announced in March.
- Awards are presented at the RSS annual conference in September.