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## Royal Medal for Terry Tao



Professor Terence Tao FRS has been awarded the Royal Society's 2014 Royal Medal for 'his many deep and varied contributions to mathematics, including harmonic analysis, prime number theory, partial differential equations, combinatorics, computer science, statistics, representation theory, and much more'.

The Royal Medals were founded by King George IV in 1825. Originally, two medals were awarded each year for the most important contributions in the physical, biological and applied sciences, by citizens or residents of Commonwealth countries and the Irish Republic. Since 1965, three medals have been awarded annually. Also known as the Queen's Medals, they are awarded by the Sovereign on the recommendation of the Council of the Royal Society. The three medals are of silver gilt and are accompanied by a gift of £5 000. The list of former recipients puts him good company. It includes: Andrew Wiles, Simon Donaldson, Roger Penrose, Michael Atiyah, J. F. C. Kingman, Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, Paul Dirac, Lord Rayleigh, James Joseph Sylvester, John Herschel, Arthur Cayley, Michael Faraday, George Boole, Fred Hoyle, Abdus Salam, Francis Crick and Charles Darwin.

Congratulations to Terry for yet another recognition of his outstanding achievements!