



Nominations sought for the 2016 AustMS Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2016 Australian Mathematical Society Medal is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this Medal, which will be awarded to a member of the Society, under the age of forty, for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences.

Nominations close on **27 May 2016** and should be sent to <http://journal.austms.org.au/ojs/index.php/AMPA/login>. Nominators should receive an acknowledgement of the nomination: if this is not received, please contact the Committee Chair.

Nominations will not be automatically rolled over from previous years.

For further information, please contact the Chair of the 2016 AustMS Medal Committee, Professor P.G. Bouwknegt (Peter.Bouwknegt@anu.edu.au). The other members of the 2016 Medal Committee are Professor N.C. Wormald (Outgoing Chair), Professor P.J. Forrester (Incoming Chair) and Dr C. O'Keefe (one year).

Visit <http://www.austms.org.au/AMSInfo/medal.html> for a list of past AustMS Medal winners.

Rules for the Australian Mathematical Society Medal

1. There shall be a Medal known as "The Australian Mathematical Society Medal".
2.
 - (i) This will be awarded annually to a Member of the Society, under the age of 40 on 1st January of the year in which the Medal is awarded, for distinguished research in the Mathematical Sciences. The AustMS Medal Committee may, in cases where there have been significant interruptions to a mathematical career, waive this age limit by normally up to five years.
 - (ii) A significant proportion of the research work should have been carried out in Australia.
 - (iii) In order to be eligible, a nominee for the Medal has to have been a member of the Society for the calendar year preceding the year of the award; back dating of membership to the previous year is not acceptable.
3. The award will be approved by the President on behalf of the Council of the Society on the recommendation of a Selection Committee appointed by the Council.
4. The Selection Committee shall consist of 3 persons each appointed for a period of 3 years and known as "Incoming Chair", "Chair" and "Outgoing

Chair” respectively, together with a fourth person appointed each year for one year only.

5. The Selection Committee will consult with appropriate assessors.
6. The award of the Medal shall be recorded in one of the Society’s Journals along with the citation and photograph.
7. The Selection Committee shall also prepare an additional citation in a form suitable for newspaper publication. This is to be embargoed until the Medal winner has been announced to the Society.
8. One Medal shall be awarded each year, unless either no one of sufficient merit is found, in which case no Medal shall be awarded; or there is more than one candidate of equal (and sufficient) merit, in which case the committee can recommend the award of at most two Medals.

Nominations sought for the 2016 George Szekeres Medal

The Medal Committee for the 2016 George Szekeres Medal is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this Medal. The George Szekeres Medal is awarded for outstanding research achievement for work done substantially in Australia. It is awarded only in even numbered years.

Nominations should include: (a) an extended citation, not more than two pages in length, arguing the case for awarding the Medal to the nominee; (b) a shorter citation, of not more than 100 words, which may be used to report the candidate’s achievements in the event that the nomination is successful; (c) a full list of publications of the candidate, with the most significant (up to a maximum of 20) marked by an asterisk; (d) a curriculum vitae of the candidate’s professional career, highlighting any achievements which add support to the nomination; and (e) the names of between three and six suitable referees, along with a brief statement as to their appropriateness.

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For further information, please contact the Chair of the 2016 George Szekeres Medal Committee, Professor J.H. Rubinstein (rubin@ms.unimelb.edu.au). The other members of the 2016 George Szekeres Medal Committee are Professor C.E. Praeger (Incoming Chair), Dr R.S. Anderssen and Professor R.H. Street.

The Society acknowledges with gratitude the contribution to the committee of Professor P.G. Hall, who was Incoming Chair in 2014 and would have served as Chair in 2016.

Visit <http://www.austms.org.au/The+George+Szekeres+Medal> for a list of past winners of the medal.

Rules for the George Szekeres Medal of the AustMS

Rule 1. The award is for a mathematical scientist who is a member of the Australian Mathematical Society and normally resident in Australia.

Rule 2. The medal may, in exceptional circumstances, be shared by at most two candidates.

Rule 3. The Medal is awarded every two years.

Rule 4. (i) The award is for a sustained outstanding contribution to research in the mathematical sciences. The candidate should have been resident in Australia when the bulk of the work was completed.

(ii) The successful candidate will have an excellent record of promoting and supporting the discipline, through activities such as extensive graduate student supervision, outstanding contributions to leadership in the Australian Mathematical Society, or other activities which have materially promoted the mathematical sciences discipline within Australia.

Rule 5. (i) The George Szekeres Medal can be awarded to a recipient of the Australian Mathematical Society Medal, provided that the sustained outstanding contribution to research in Rule 4(i) is subsequent to the work for which the Australian Mathematical Society Medal was awarded.

(ii) The George Szekeres Medal cannot be awarded to the same person on more than one occasion.

Nominations sought for the 2016 Gavin Brown Prize

The 2016 Gavin Brown Prize Selection Committee is now seeking nominations and recommendations for possible candidates for this prize, to be awarded for an outstanding and innovative piece of research in the mathematical sciences published by a Member or Members of the Society. The award will be for a single article, monograph or book consisting of original research, and published in the nine calendar years 2006–2014.

Nominators should provide a brief (1–2 pages) summary of what makes the nominated publication important and original, with appropriate references to prior or subsequent work in the field. They should also suggest the names of three assessors.

Nominations close on **27 May 2016** and should be sent to <http://journal.austms.org.au/ojs/index.php/AMPA/login>. Nominators should receive an acknowledgement of the nomination: if this is not received, please contact the Committee Chair.

For further information, please contact the Chair of the 2016 Gavin Brown Prize Selection Committee, Professor J.F. Grotowski (grotow@maths.uq.edu.au). The other members of the 2016 AustMS Gavin Brown Prize Selection Committee are Professor J.M. Borwein (Outgoing Chair), Professor J. Ramagge (Incoming Chair) and Professor A.P. Bassom.

Visit <http://www.austms.org.au/Gavin+Brown+Prize+winners> for a list of past Gavin Brown Prize winners.

Rules for the Gavin Brown Prize

9. The Gavin Brown Prize will be awarded annually for an outstanding and innovative piece of research in the mathematical sciences published by a Member or Members of the Society.
10. Each award will be for a single article, monograph, or book, consisting of original research, and published in the 9 calendar years $Y - 10$ to $Y - 2$, where Y is the year of the award.
11. To be eligible for the award of the Gavin Brown Prize, a publication must have at least one author who meets the following conditions:
 - (i) he/she must be a member of the Society, and must have been a member of the Society for the calendar year at the time of publication of the paper (back-dating of membership is not allowed);
 - (ii) he/she must be normally resident in Australia, and must have been normally resident in Australia at the time when the research was carried out.
12. In the case of publications with multiple authors, the prize will be shared by all authors. The existence of authors who do not meet the conditions in Rule 3 will not preclude this award, although the Selection Committee may take it into account in assessing the achievement of the author(s) who do meet those conditions.
13. The Selection Committee may deem a publication ineligible if an author has previously received an award from the Australian Mathematical Society for a body of research which included the publication in question.
14. Nominations for the Gavin Brown Prize will be called for in the first half of each year. A publication may be nominated for the award by any member of the Society who is not an author of that publication.
15. The award will be decided by a Selection Committee appointed by the Council.
16. The Selection Committee will consist of 4 persons:
 - (i) 3 persons each appointed for a period of 3 years, namely a Chair, an Incoming Chair who will become the Chair in the following year, and an Outgoing Chair who has been the Chair in the preceding year;
 - (ii) 1 person appointed for one year only.
17. The Selection Committee may consult with appropriate external assessors. Nominators are requested to suggest names of three assessors.

Special Interest Meetings

Applications are now considered twice a year. The next closing date is 20 June 2016 and the following one is 14 November 2016. Applications are required at least three months in advance of the meeting.

If funding is being sought from both AustMS and AMSI, a single application should be made at <http://research.amsi.org.au/workshop-funding/>.

If funding is not being sought from AMSI, please use the application form available at <http://www.austms.org.au/Special+Interest+Meetings> and send it to the secretary, Peter Stacey (Secretary@austms.org.au).

Applicants need to be aware that demand exceeds the available funds of \$35,000 per annum, with \$69,595 requested in the first of two rounds this year. AMSI is better placed, with a workshop budget for this year of \$115,000.

AustMS Accreditation

The following members have been accredited as Fellows (FAustMS).

Professor R.J. Evans of the University of Melbourne.

Professor B.I. Henry of the University of New South Wales.

Professor N.F. Smyth of the University of Edinburgh.

Professor M.P. Wand of the University of Technology, Sydney.

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Peter Stacey joined La Trobe as a lecturer in 1975 and retired as an associate professor at the end of 2008. Retirement has enabled him to spend more time with his family while continuing with some research and some work on secondary school education. He took over as secretary of the Society at the start of 2010.