

BEST PAPER PRIZE RULES

ELIGIBILITY

The prize is open only to fully paid-up members of the Society. Where a paper has more than one author all must be such members.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

The Paper

- Must have been accepted by the Subject Section Convenor for inclusion in the programme.
- Must have been submitted through EasyChair one week before the start of the Conference in the relevant year (see Guidance note 1 for the deadline in the relevant year).
- Must not have been published previously or have been accepted or be under consideration for publication.
- Must not exceed 11,000 words including footnotes.

The Author

- Must present an oral version of the paper at the Annual Conference.
- Must agree to publish the paper in Legal Studies if awarded the prize (subject to the publisher's standard conditions).
- See further Guidance notes 2 and 3.

CRITERIA

Originality

Contribution to scholarship

Clarity and style

JUDGING

At the end of the Conference, each Subject Section Convenor will nominate not more than one paper from those submitted to their Section as above. Where a Convenor is unable to act, for example, where there is a conflict of interest, he or she will nominate another member of the Section to act as an alternate (see further Guidance note 4).

In deciding which paper to nominate (if any), Convenors must apply the criteria outlined above and their academic judgement will be final.

The judges will be the President of the Society, the Subject Sections Secretary and the Editors of Legal Studies. Where any is unable to act the Executive Committee may nominate an alternate.

Judging will be based on the latest version of the paper submitted through EasyChair one week before the start of the Conference (see Guidance Note 1 for the deadline in the relevant year).

The prize may, in the judges' discretion, be shared between two or more papers.

A shortlist will be announced by mid-October. The prize winner(s) will be announced by 31 October. The judges reserve the right not to present the award and neither they nor the Society will enter into correspondence about the decisions.

Any issues relating to the application of the eligibility criteria shall be determined by the Subject Sections Secretary and the President whose decisions will be final.

GUIDANCE NOTES

1. In 2015, the deadline is Monday 24 August.
2. The author of a paper that satisfies these conditions will be deemed to have consented to that paper being considered for the prize unless they indicate expressly to the contrary.
3. Authors of papers considered for the prize but not awarded the prize can still submit their papers to Legal Studies for consideration through the usual review process.
4. A conflict of interest includes, for example, where a Convenor is a colleague or PhD supervisor of an author.