



**Political Studies
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PSA PRIZE HANDBOOK

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The Political Studies Association has launched a **Ten Year Strategic Plan** in which it aspires to reach out to a broader set of communities and to further raise its esteem and impact as a leading learned society within the Social Sciences. Central to the Strategic Plan is a commitment to greater transparency in processes and governance, a move towards a more inclusive and broad-based membership, and a focus on the promotion of an equality and diversity agenda at the heart of everything the PSA does. As part of this commitment, the PSA has conducted a comprehensive review of existing guidelines on PSA prizes as well as available data concerning the profiles of the winners of PSA awards over the past 20 years¹.

Taking forward the findings of this review, this Handbook sets out a new and streamlined framework for PSA academic prizes, introducing new awards as well as implementing reforms to existing

processes of nomination, submitting evidence and the composition of judging panels. The PSA's aim is to open up and revitalise the prize process with the intention of forging a more vibrant and socially representative professional community. We are keen to encourage more diversity in both the nominations we receive and within our judging panels, and would especially welcome greater participation from women and black and ethnic minority (BAME) scholars, who have been historically under-represented in PSA prize nominations and awards, as well as participation from across the HE sector, in particular from new post-92 universities.

Prizes may be awarded at a range of events, such as the Annual Awards or Annual Conference, depending on the prize; this handbook brings together all of the PSA academic prizes, regardless of where and when they are presented.

The PSA Prize Committee consists of:

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Chair of Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee

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¹Led by PSA Trustees Meryl Kenny and Rose Gann, with input from PSA staff Avnish Patel and Josh Niderost, and the members of the PSA's Teaching & Learning and Membership committees.

LIST OF PSA PRIZES

Book Prizes

- **W.J.M. Mackenzie Book Prize**, for best book published in political science

Dissertation Prizes

- **Walter Bagehot Prize**, for government and public administration
- **Sir Ernest Barker Prize**, for political theory
- **Lord Bryce Prize**, for comparative politics (**previously comparative politics and international relations**)
- **McDougall Fund Prize**, for elections, electoral systems and representation
- **Elizabeth Wiskemann Prize**, for the study of (in)equality and social justice
- **Shirin M. Rai Prize**, for international relations (**new in 2017**)

Article Prizes

- **Harrison Prize**, for best article published in Political Studies
- **POLITICS Prize**
- **BJPIR Prize**
- **POLITICS Learning and Teaching Prize**

Career Prizes

- **Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize**, for lifetime contribution to political studies
- **Joni Lovenduski Prize**, for outstanding professional achievement by a mid-career scholar (**new in 2017**)
- **Richard Rose Prize**, for early career scholar who has made a distinctive contribution to British politics
- **Jo Cox Prize**, for public service and active citizenship (**new in 2017**)

Teaching Prizes

- **Jennie Lee Prize (Main Entrant)**, for outstanding teaching (**renamed in 2017**)
- **Sir Bernard Crick Prize (New Entrant)**, for outstanding teaching
- **Innovations in Teaching Politics (Group) Award**
- **Innovations in Quantitative Methods Teaching Prize** (**new in 2017**)
- **The Outstanding Teaching of Politics in Schools Prize** (**new in 2017**)

Group Prizes

- **Specialist Group of the Year Prize**
- **Politics Society of the Year Prize** (**new in 2017**)

ELIGIBILITY FOR PSA PRIZES

Eligibility requirements for PSA awards vary based on the category they are in, and the purpose of the award. In general, award winners must be members of the PSA, with some exceptions. Some awards are restricted to members working in UK HEIs, but most awards are open to any member, regardless of whether or not they are resident in the UK or affiliated to a UK HEI.

BOOK PRIZES (Mackenzie Prize)

Books must be published within the last calendar year (books for the 2017 awards must be published in 2016). All book authors must be PSA members.

DISSERTATION PRIZES (Bagehot, Barker, Bryce, McDougall, Wiskemann, Rai)

A dissertation is eligible for the competition if it has been passed in the nominating calendar year. The author of the dissertation must be a PSA member.

ARTICLE PRIZES (Harrison, POLITICS, BJPIR, POLITICS Learning and Teaching)

Articles are eligible if they have been published in the nominating calendar year. For the POLITICS Learning and Teaching Prize, articles are eligible if they have been published in the previous two calendar years.

CAREER PRIZES (Berlin, Lovenduski, Rose, Cox)

The *Joni Lovenduski* and *Richard Rose* Prizes are restricted to PSA members. There is no membership requirement for the *Isaiah Berlin* and *Jo Cox* prizes.

Both the *Richard Rose* and *Jo Cox* prizes are early career prizes, and open to academics who are within 10 years from the award of their PhD.

The *Joni Lovenduski* prize is a mid-career prize, open to academics who are within 5-15 years from the award of their PhD.

The PSA recognizes the diversity of career and life experiences of individual researchers. The eligibility period for the *Lovenduski*, *Rose* and *Cox* Prizes can be extended in cases of career interruptions, including maternity or parental leave; carer's responsibility; illness; and unemployment, among others.



TEACHING PRIZES (Lee, Crick, Teaching Politics (Group), Quantitative Methods, Schools)

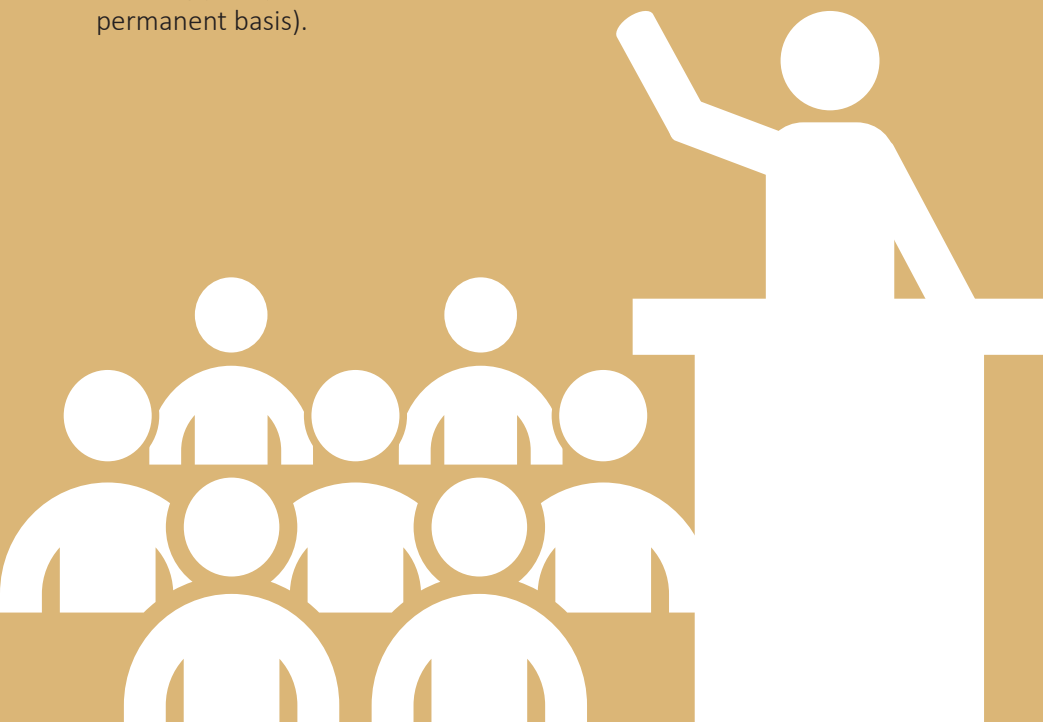
Nominees for teaching awards must be PSA members (or teacher members) teaching at an HEI in the UK (for the Lee, Crick, Innovations in Teaching Politics, and Quantitative Methods prizes), or teaching in secondary education in the UK (for the Teaching of Politics in Schools Prize).

Nominees for the *Bernard Crick New Entrant* award must have served no more than three years full time/six years part-time in a lecturing/teaching post (either contract or permanent basis).

Nominees for the *Innovation in Teaching Politics (Group)* award should normally involve the collaborative teaching practice of at least two lecturers/teachers who are all PSA members.

GROUP PRIZES (Specialist Group, Politics Society)

The Specialist Group of the Year award is open to any PSA Specialist Group. Any Politics Society affiliated to a UK HEI is eligible for the Politics Society Award.



NOMINATION RULES

With the exception of those prizes awarded at the Annual Awards Ceremony, the nomination for PSA prizes usually open in October, close in November and are awarded at the following Annual Conference in March/April.



BOOK PRIZES (Mackenzie Prize)

Nominations for the Mackenzie Prize can be submitted through:

- **Heads of Department (or equivalent senior colleagues or line manager).** Departments with fewer than 20 permanent academic staff may nominate one book published within the previous calendar year. Departments with more than 20 permanent academic staff can nominate up to two books. Departments submitting more than one nomination are encouraged to submit a diverse shortlist.
- **Publishers.** Publishers may nominate up to three books,

and are encouraged to submit a diverse shortlist.

- **Specialist Groups.** Individual Specialist Groups may nominate one book published within the previous calendar year. Nominees must be PSA members and members of the Specialist Group.
- **Self-Nomination.** The signature of three additional PSA members must be provided in support of the nomination.

Nominations for the Mackenzie prize must also include:

- **Four copies** of the nominated book.
- **A supporting statement** (of no more than one side of A4) providing the rationale for why the nominator considers this the best book published in political science. This should include a summary of the originality and contribution of the book, its actual or potential impact on the field, and the standard of scholarship it exhibits.

DISSERTATION PRIZES (Bagehot, Barker, Bryce, McDougall, Wiskemann, Rai)

Nominations for the dissertation prizes can be submitted through:

- **Heads of Department (or equivalent senior colleagues or line manager).**

- **Specialist Groups.** Individual Specialist Groups may nominate only one dissertation per prize. Nominees must be PSA members and members of the Specialist Group.
- **Self-Nomination.** There is no supporting signature requirement for the dissertation prizes.

Nominators and nominees should remove any information in the manuscript (including acknowledgements) that could identify the dissertation author or their institutional affiliation. Identifying information should be supplied in the accompanying PSA nomination form, which will be removed before it is sent to the judging panel.

CAREER PRIZES (Berlin, Lovenduski, Rose, Cox)

Nominations for the *Joni Lovenduski* and *Richard Rose* prizes can be submitted through:

- **Heads of Department (or equivalent senior colleagues or line manager).**
- **Any PSA member.**

Nominations for the *Joni Lovenduski* prize must also include:

- CV of nominee, in Word format
- One-page statement by nominator summarising achievement of the candidate in relation to the prize. This should address the nominee's

contribution to research, teaching, mentoring of students and junior colleagues, and professional service.

Nominations for the *Richard Rose* prize must also include:

- CV of nominee, in Word format
- One-page statement by nominator summarising achievement of the candidate in relation to the prize and identifying most important publications
- Copies of up to three journal articles, book chapters or book table of contents relevant to the work of the nominee

The *Isaiah Berlin* and *Jo Cox* prizes are awarded through the PSA Annual Awards process, which all members may submit nominations for.



TEACHING PRIZES (Lee, Crick, Teaching Politics (Group), Quantitative Methods, Schools)

Nominations for the *Jennie Lee* and *Sir Bernard Crick (New Entrant)*, *Innovation in Teaching Politics (Group)* and *Innovation in Quantitative Methods Teaching Prize* can be submitted through:

- **Self-nomination.** Nominations must be supported by the signatures of two PSA members (not including the nominee).
- **Nomination by any PSA member.** Nominations must be supported by the signatures of two PSA members (not including the nominee).
- **Specialist Groups,** including the PSA Teaching and Learning Specialist Group

There is no restriction on the number of nominees from individual departments.

Nominations for the *Jennie Lee* and *Sir Bernard Crick (New Entrant)* prizes for outstanding teaching must also include a Statement of Case (no more than 3 sides of A4) that identifies and provides evidence² of:

- Students actively engaging in learning that challenges and supports them to develop their knowledge and skills in political studies.

- Successfully addressing an obstacle in the teaching of political studies.
- Teaching that is effective and has successfully been shared with colleagues in the discipline.

The statement for the *Jennie Lee* prize also needs to provide evidence of:

- Contribution to the wider scholarship of teaching and learning in the discipline.

Nominations for the *Innovation in Teaching Politics (Group) Award* must also include a Statement of Case (no more than 3 sides of A4) that identifies and provides evidence of:

- Teaching practices that engage students, promotes effective learning and challenges and supports students to develop their knowledge and skills in political studies
- Teaching, learning or assessment related innovations led by the nominees
- Demonstrable influence on practice and/or professional development of colleagues/professional body/specialist subject area and wider dissemination of this practice (e.g. through conference presentations/posters/blogs/peer review).

² This evidence might include commendation from student evaluation, and commendation from peer/external observation as well as evidence of training in teaching methods involving a portfolio and any relevant publications, presentations, blogs etc.

- Articulation of how this practice contributes to the wider Politics curriculum and/or pedagogy relating to the teaching and learning of politics.

Nominations for the *Innovation in Quantitative Methods Teaching Prize* must also include a Statement of Case (no more than 3 sides of A4) that identifies and provides evidence of:

1. Students actively engaging in learning quantitative methods as part of the process of developing their knowledge and skills in political studies
2. Successfully addressing an obstacle in the teaching of quantitative methods in political studies
3. Teaching of quantitative methods that is effective and has been successfully shared with colleagues in the discipline
4. Demonstrable influence on practice and/or professional development of colleagues/professional body/specialist subject area and wider dissemination of this practice (e.g., through conference presentations/posters/blogs/peer review).

Nominations for the *Outstanding Teaching of Politics in Schools Prize* can be submitted through:

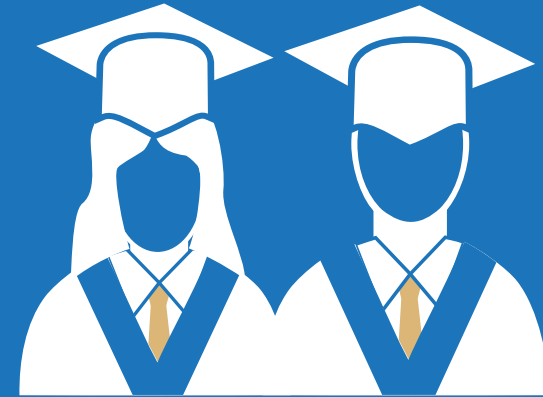
- Self-nomination. There is no supporting signature requirement for this prize.
- Nomination by any PSA member.

Nominations for the *Outstanding Teaching of Politics in Schools Prize* must also include a Statement of Case (no more than 3 sides of A4) that identifies and provides evidence of:

- Teaching practices that actively engages students and develops their knowledge of politics
- Innovative approaches to teaching any aspect of the politics and/or citizenship curriculum³
- Dissemination and sharing of teaching practice with colleagues and PSA Teachers' Network.



³ This includes modern studies Higher in Scotland.



GROUP PRIZES (Specialist Group, Politics Society)

Nominations for the *Specialist Group of the Year* prize can be submitted through:

- Any Specialist Group member.

Nominations for the *Specialist Group of the Year* prize must also include a Statement of Case (no more than 1 side of A4) that identifies and provides evidence of:

- Innovative activities, undertaken by the Specialist Group in the previous twelve months. These may include achieving impact, raising awareness of a sub-discipline, supporting early career members' needs, and other significant activities.

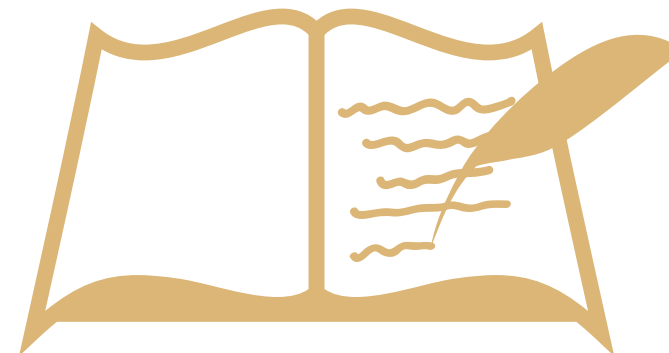
Nominations for the *Politics Society of the Year* prize can be submitted through:

- Chair/President of Politics Society co-nominated with a member of staff at their institution (who must be a PSA member)

Nominations for the *Politics Society of the Year* prize must also include a Statement of Case (no more than 1 side of A4) that identifies and provides evidence of:

- Innovative activities that have supported their members' understanding of politics, undertaken by the Society in the previous twelve months
- Innovative activities that have promoted the study of politics on campus or beyond, undertaken by the Society in the previous twelve months.

THE DECISION PROCESS



The methods by which a winner is determined are left up to the judging panel's discretion, in accordance with nomination and prize guidelines. The PSA will assist in approaching judges, coordinating panels, and providing information on rules and procedures, via the Prizes Committee.

As nominations are made, conflicts of interest may potentially arise for members of the judging panels. If you recognise a nominated manuscript or scholar as a potential conflict of interest, you should notify the PSA Prize Committee, as well as the Chair of your judging panel, as soon as possible. Having a connection to a nominee, or a conflict of interest, will not disqualify the nominated scholar or manuscript from being considered for the prize.

With the exception of group awards, only one work or scholar should be awarded each prize, unless in exceptional circumstances. If your judging panel believes that two works

or scholars merit a particular award, the panel chair should contact the PSA Prize Committee to discuss this possibility. You should also contact the PSA Prize Committee in the event that no winner has been selected, as this is an exceptional circumstance for our awards.

Guidelines for selecting judging panels are as follows:

BOOK PRIZES (W.J.M. Mackenzie Prize)

The judging panel for the *Mackenzie Prize* will normally be composed of three judges, at least one of whom must be a woman. One judge will be designated as Chair, with responsibility for overseeing the panel response, coordinating internal discussions, and communicating the outcome and rationale of the panel's decision to the PSA.



DISSERTATION PRIZES (Bagehot, Barker, Bryce, McDougall, Wiskemann, Rai)

The judging panel for the dissertation prizes will normally be composed of three judges, at least one of whom must be a woman. One judge will be designated as Chair, with responsibility for overseeing the panel response, coordinating internal discussions, and communicating the outcome and rationale of the panel's decision to the PSA.

ARTICLE PRIZES (Harrison, POLITICS, BJPIR, POLITICS Learning and Teaching)

Procedures for selecting article prize winners are left up to the journals themselves. However, in line with the PSA's Ten Year Strategic Plan, journal editors are encouraged to consider issues of equality and diversity – including demographic, intellectual, methodological and institutional diversities – in the selection of their article shortlists and judging panels (whether internal or external).

Journal editors should provide the PSA Executive Committee (EC) with details of their criteria and procedures used to select article prize winners, as well as data on nominees and prize winners with regards to equality and diversity.

CAREER PRIZES (Berlin, Lovenduski, Rose, Cox)

The judging panel for the *Joni Lovenduski* and *Richard Rose* prizes will normally be composed of three judges, at least one of whom must be a woman. One judge will be designated as Chair, with responsibility for overseeing the panel response, coordinating internal discussions, and communicating the outcome and rationale of the panel's decision to the PSA.

Both the *Isaiah Berlin* and *Jo Cox* prize will be decided by the PSA Annual Awards Jury.



TEACHING PRIZES (Lee, Crick, Teaching Politics (Group), Quantitative Methods, Schools)

The *Innovation in Teaching Politics (Group)* prize will be decided by the PSA Annual Awards Jury.

The judging panel for the remaining teaching prizes will normally be composed of three judges, including at least one woman and one member from a post-92 and one member from a pre-92 University⁴. One judge will be designated as Chair, with responsibility for overseeing the panel response, coordinating internal discussions, and communicating the outcome and rationale of the panel's decision to the PSA.

The judging panel for the *Jennie Lee* and *Sir Bernard Crick (New Entrant)* prizes for outstanding teaching will normally include:

- One member of the PSA EC (Chair), usually a member of the Teaching & Learning Committee
- Previous main prize winner
- One other PSA member

The judging panel for the *Innovation in Quantitative Methods Teaching Prize* will normally include:

- One member of PSA Teaching Quantitative Methods Network (TQMN) (Chair)
- One member of the PSA EC, usually a member of the Teaching & Learning Committee
- One other PSA member

The judging panel for the *Outstanding Teaching of Politics in Schools Prize* will normally include:

- One member of the PSA Teachers' Network (Chair)
- One member of the PSA EC, usually a member of the Teaching & Learning Committee
- One other PSA member

GROUP PRIZES (Specialist Group, Politics Society)

The judging panel for the *Specialist Group of the Year* will normally include:

- The PSA Specialist Groups Chair
- The Honorary Secretary

The judging panel for the *Politics Society of the Year* will normally include:

- One PSA EC member
- The Honorary Secretary

⁴ These criteria do not need to be met separately – any one judge can meet two of these criteria.

SUMMARY TABLE: PSA PRIZES

Prize	Awarded For	Eligibility	Nomination Rules	Judging Rules
W.J.M. Mackenzie Book Prize	Best book published in political science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HoDs/Senior Colleagues/Line Managers Publishers Self-Nomination (with 3 additional PSA member signatures) Specialist Group Nomination Supporting Statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with at least one woman
Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize	Lifetime contribution to political studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any PSA member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Annual Awards Jury
Joni Lovenduski Prize (**new in 2017**)	Outstanding professional achievement by a mid-career scholar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members Mid-career scholars within 5-15 years from PhD Eligibility period extended in cases of career interruptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HoDs/Senior Colleagues/Line Managers Any member of the PSA CV & nominating statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with at least one woman
Richard Rose Prize	Early career scholar who has made a distinctive contribution to British politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members Early-career scholars within 10 years from PhD Eligibility period extended in cases of career interruptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HoDs/Senior Colleagues/Line Managers Any member of the PSA CV & nominating statement Copies of up to three research outputs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with at least one woman
Walter Bagehot Prize Sir Ernest Barker Prize Lord Bryce Prize McDougall Fund Prize Elizabeth Wiskemann Prize Shirin M. Rai Prize (**new in 2017**)	Best dissertation in respective fields of: 1) Government and Public Administration; 2) Political Theory; 3) Comparative Politics; 4) Elections, Electoral Systems or Representation; 5) Inequality and Social Justice; 6) International Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members Dissertation must be passed in nominating calendar year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HoDs or Senior Colleagues Self-Nomination (no signature requirement) Specialist Group Nomination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with at least one woman Blinded Review
Harrison Prize (Political Studies); POLITICS prize; BJPIR Prize; Politics Learning and Teaching Prize	Best article published in respective journals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article must be published within nominating year (except Politics Learning & Teaching Prize which is biennial) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined by journal (with details provided to PSA EC), but journals must take E&D issues into account (and report annually on diversity of article shortlist) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be determined by journal (with details provided to PSA EC), but journals must take E&D issues into account, and report annually on diversity of shortlisting and judging panel

Prize	Awarded For	Eligibility	Nomination Rules	Judging Rules
Jennie Lee Prize for Outstanding teaching – Main award (**renamed in 2017**)	Outstanding contribution to teaching and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members teaching at UK HEI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Nomination or Nomination by any member of the PSA 2 additional PSA member signatures in support Specialist Groups Statement of Case (see handbook) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with at least one PSA EC member, previous prize member and one other PSA member Judging panel will usually consist of at least one woman and one member ea. from a post-92 and pre-92 university
Sir Bernard Crick Prize for outstanding teaching – New entrant award	Outstanding contribution to teaching and learning – New Entrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members teaching at UK HEI No more than 3 years full time/ six years part time in a lecturing/teaching post (either contract or permanent basis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Nomination or Nomination by any member of the PSA 2 additional PSA member signatures in support Specialist Groups Statement of Case (see handbook) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with at least one PSA EC member, previous prize member and one other PSA member Judging panel will usually consist of at least one woman and one member ea. from a post-92 and pre-92 university
Innovations in Teaching Politics (Group) Award	For a group of academics who have fired the interest of students in political studies through the use of innovative methods of teaching and learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members teaching at UK HEI Normally collaborative teaching practice of at least 2 lecturers/teachers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Nomination or Nomination by any member of the PSA 2 additional PSA member signatures in support Specialist Groups Statement of Case (see handbook) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Annual Awards Jury
Innovation in Quantitative Methods Teaching Prize (**new in 2017**)	Innovation and excellence in teaching quantitative methods undertaken by either individuals or groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA Members teaching at UK HEI Individual or group nominations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-Nomination or Nomination by any member of the PSA 2 additional PSA member signatures in support Specialist Groups Statement of Case (see handbook) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with one PSA EC member, PSA TQMN member and one other PSA member Judging panel will usually consist of at least one woman and one member ea. from a post-92 and pre-92 university
The Outstanding Teaching of Politics in Schools Award (**new in 2017**)	For innovation and excellence in teaching politics and citizenship in Schools (incl. all secondary education providers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA teacher members teaching in secondary education in the UK 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any PSA Member Self-Nomination Statement of Case 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 member judging panel, with one PSA EC member, PSA Teachers' Network member and one other PSA member Judging panel will usually consist of at least one woman and one member ea. from a post-92 and pre-92 university
Specialist Group Prize	For Specialist Group which has raised awareness of study of politics and increased impact of discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any PSA Specialist Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any PSA Specialist Group member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary of the PSA and Specialist Groups Chair
Politics Society of the Year Prize (**new in 2017**)	Political Society that has made a distinctive contribution to the study and understanding of politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Politics Society affiliated to UK HEI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair/President of Politics Society Co-Nominated with member of staff at institution (who must be PSA member) Supporting Statement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One PSA EC member and the Honorary Secretary

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