

LMS Hardy Lectureship Guidelines

The Hardy Lectureship is named after G.H. Hardy, a former President and De Morgan Medallist. It aims to bring a distinguished overseas mathematician to the United Kingdom to deliver a series of lectures on different topics at universities around the UK, ending with the Hardy Lecture at the General Meeting of the Society in London.

These guidelines are for Programme Committee and local organisers and include information on:

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1. *The Format of the Hardy Lectureship*

The Hardy Lectureship aims to support a visit by a distinguished overseas mathematician to the UK to give a series of lectures on different topics at different universities and thereby allow as many UK mathematicians as possible to benefit from the mathematician's presence in the UK.

The Hardy Lectureship is a lecture tour of the UK which consists of visits to 6-8 different universities over a period of 2-3 weeks in May/June of Year X, ending with the Hardy Lecture at the General Meeting of the Society in London. The visit does not necessarily need to take place in consecutive weeks

2. *LMS Hardy Lectureship Nomination Process*

Programme Committee seeks nominations from the Society's members and may also put forward its own suggestions.

Criteria for nominations include:

1. The Nominee is not normally resident in the United Kingdom
2. The Nominee has not previously been awarded the Fellowship or Lectureship
3. The Lectureship is not restricted to mathematicians working in any specific area of mathematics.

Programme Committee will also consider:

- the achievements of the Nominee, including work in, influence on, and general service to mathematics; lecturing gifts; and breadth of mathematical interests;
- the overall benefit the UK mathematical community might derive from the visit;
- the possibility of bringing to the UK a mathematician who might otherwise visit rarely or never.

Nominations should be submitted by January/February Year X-1 for consideration at the February Meeting of Programme Committee.

At its February meeting, Programme Committee will select a suitable nominee to invite to become the Hardy Lecturer for Year X. Programme Committee may also

select reserve nominees in the event that the selected nominee is unable to take up the Hardy Lectureship.

The Programme Secretary will write to the chosen nominee to offer the Hardy Lectureship to him or her.

The letter of invitation will also ask the prospective Hardy Lecturer to:

- consider possible departments he/she would like to visit
- consider possible topics for his/her lectures
- send abstracts for his/her lectures, if possible.

3. *The Itinerary*

The itinerary shall be formed by Programme Committee in consultation with the Hardy Lecturer.

At its June Meeting in Year X-1, the Programme Secretary will report on the acceptance of the Hardy Lectureship.

Programme Committee will consider possible departments for the Hardy Lecturer to visit, taking into account the number of institutions to be visited and any suggestions made by the Hardy Lecturer. Programme Committee will also consider possible local organisers at each institution who may be approached to host the Hardy Lecturer during his/her visit at their department.

The Programme Secretary will write to the suggested local organisers to

- invite them to host the Hardy Lecturer at their department
- suggest suitable dates for the visit
- choose a preferred topic, if available.
- confirm what funding will be available from the LMS

4. *Funding information*

The London Mathematical Society will fund:

- the honorarium - **£2000** paid directly to the Hardy Lecturer
- travel expenses (including travel to/from the UK and within the UK) – up to **£2500**
- accommodation expenses for the whole tour – normally up to **£1500**
- a contribution to the host department to hold a dinner for the Hardy Lecturer – up to **£100** per institution.

5. *Practical Information*

The following timetable will normally be adhered to:

November/December year x – 2	LMS advertises call for nominations for the Hardy Lectureship in year x
January/February year x-1	Nominations submitted to the LMS
February year x – 1	Nominations considered at February meeting of Programme Committee
Late February/early March year x- 1	Letter of invitation sent to nominated Hardy Lecturer.
June year x- 1	Itinerary considered at October Meeting of Programme Committee

June year x-1 – September year x-1	Local organisers invited to host the nominated Hardy Lecturer
October year x – 1	Itinerary confirmed at October Meeting of Programme Committee
October year x-1 to June year x	Hardy Lectureship advertised
June year x	Hardy Lectureship takes place.
June/July year x	Hardy Lecture given at the General Meeting of the Society in London.

Hosting a Hardy Lecturer

Once the itinerary has been approved by Programme Committee, the local organisers will be contacted by the LMS.

The local organisers will be expected to:

- Make local arrangements including accommodation etc
- Liaise with the LMS to prepare posters and publicity
- Publicise the event as widely as possible.
- Publicise the event as the LMS Hardy Lectureship unless otherwise agreed with the Society
- Utilise the funds of £100 as described above in Funding Information
- Submit invoices to the LMS within three months of the event.

The LMS will:

- Send a formal Letter of Invitation to the Hardy Lecturer
- Prepare the itinerary in consultation with the Hardy Lecturer and local organisers
- Fund the visit, as described in the Funding Information
- Organise the Hardy Lecture as part of the General Meeting of the Society in London
- Liaise with the local organisers to prepare posters and publicity
- Publicise the event as widely as possible.