

**LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
PRIZE REGULATIONS: WHITEHEAD PRIZE**

I. GENERAL

1. In 1973 the London Mathematical Society instituted a Senior Whitehead Prize in memory of Professor J. H. C. Whitehead (LMS President, 1953-1955). The Whitehead Fund for this purpose was made up of contributions from a large number of Professor Whitehead's friends, and a generous donation from Mrs Whitehead.

In 1978 the Society decided to institute Whitehead Prizes to be funded by the same moneys.

2. The award of the Whitehead Prizes shall be considered annually by the Council of the Society.
3. Normally not more than six Whitehead Prizes shall be awarded in any year.
4. No person shall be awarded a Whitehead Prize more than once. A Whitehead Prize may not be awarded to any person who has received any other LMS Prize with the exception of the Anne Bennett Prize, the Berwick Prize or the Senior Berwick Prize.
5. The Prizes shall be restricted to mathematicians who, on 1st January of the year of the award, are either (i) normally resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or (ii) members of the Society mainly educated in the United Kingdom.
6. The grounds for the award of a Prize shall include a candidate's work in and influence on mathematics.
7. Prizes (joint or single winner) shall only be awarded to mathematicians who on the 1st January of the year of its award are (i) not already Fellows of the Royal Society of London, and (ii) have fewer than 15 years (full time equivalent) of involvement in mathematics at post-doctoral level, allowing for breaks in continuity, or who in the opinion of the Prizes Committee are at an equivalent stage in their career.
8. The Prizes are not restricted to mathematicians working in any specific field or area of mathematics.
9. Any amendment to these Regulations for the award of the Prizes must be made at a regular meeting of Council at which the proposed amendment must receive the support of an absolute majority of those present at the meeting, whether voting or not, in order to take effect.

II. PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF THE WHITEHEAD PRIZES IN YEAR x

1. In October, year x the Council of the Society shall appoint a Prize Committee consisting of from three to nine members of the Society, at least one of whom is not a member of its Council, and shall invite one of them to act as convenor; normally the Committee shall have at least one member on each other Prize Committee appointed, and any number of the Prize Committees may have identical memberships.
2. The December year x *Newsletter* shall contain:
 - (a) an outline of the regulations and arrangements for the award of the Prizes;
 - (b) an invitation to members of the Society to submit their views confidentially in writing to the President by a date in year x not later than 1st January.
3. The Committee may seek opinions from other mathematicians on candidates and their work in and influence on and general service to mathematics.
4. The President and the members of the Prize Committee shall be ineligible for the award of the Prizes in years of awards for which they serve.
5. The Committee shall normally present its unanimous written report to the May meeting of the Council of the Society. This report shall consist of:
 - (a) a recommendation of the number of prizes to be awarded that year (from none up to six);
 - (b) for each Prize, a recommendation for consideration as prizewinner(s), accompanied by a detailed citation.

If the Committee fails to reach a unanimous decision in respect of any of the Prizes, that Prize shall not be awarded that year.

6. At the meeting of Council, there shall be a discussion of the report followed by a ballot on each of the Prizes which must be secret if any member of Council requests it. No award shall be made unless supported by an absolute majority of the members of Council present at the meeting, whether voting or not. The failure of Council to approve any of the recommendations of 5(b) shall be regarded as equivalent to a decision that that Prize be not awarded that year. At its discretion, the Council may, instead of a ballot, refer the matter back to the Committee for further consideration, and request a further written report to be presented to the June Council meeting, when a ballot shall be held as previously described.

In the event that any Prize has not been awarded by the October meeting of Council in any year, that Prize shall not be awarded that year.

7. The decision of the Council shall normally be announced to the June meeting of the Society, and in the next {it Newsletter} after that. \end{description}

III. AWARD

1. Each winner of the Whitehead Prize shall be given a Diploma signed by the President and the General Secretary of the Society together with such a sum of money as shall have been determined by the Council of the Society.

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