



The Australasian Society for Classical Studies

EARLY-CAREER AWARD

The Award

This annual award, introduced in 2005, is intended to offer acknowledgment and some financial support to 'early-career' scholars. There are two awards, each worth AUD\$3000. The aim of the Award is to assist the winners with the publication of their PhD thesis or other research project.

Eligibility and Criteria for Applying

The award is open to those who completed a doctorate by research in the last five years at an Australian or New Zealand university, and who do not hold a full-time teaching or research position at a university or tertiary institution or who are in a full-time but non-academic position.

Applicants must be:

- within five years of the date on which they were awarded a doctorate by research in the field of Classics, Ancient History, Archaeology, or other related fields, at an Australian or New Zealand university;
- citizens of, or have permanent residency status in, either Australia or New Zealand;
- financial members of ASCS **prior** to submitting the application for the award.

Use of the Award and Reporting the Results

The award can be used for the following purposes:

- to access publications and library resources to advance the research topic;
- to assist in the publication costs of the original thesis;
- for subsistence costs (including childcare) where the applicant needs research time away from paid employment;
- to enable travel for further research (***N.B.** we caution against applying for international travel costs in the current environment of heavily restricted travel and limited flight availability*).

The winner is expected to:

- spend the funds on the project proposed, according to the budget submitted;
- publish the results of the project as an academic, peer-reviewed publication in the form of an article, book chapter in an edited volume, or book/monograph;
- notify the Early Career Award Co-ordinator of the publication by supplying bibliographic details within one year of receiving the award, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Application Procedure

If the award is to be used for further research, applicants should outline in no more than two pages the proposed research, and a detailed budget showing how the award would be utilised to pursue that research project.

If the award money is to be used for publishing the original doctoral thesis, then a statement from the intended publisher about its acceptance and/or costings should be provided.

Also required:

- A completed coversheet for the award.
- A copy of the title page of the thesis, the table of contents, the introduction and/or the conclusion. This material should be kept to no more than ten pages.
- Copies of the examiners' reports on the thesis. The name and institutional affiliation of the examiner should be clearly identified unless examiners are anonymous at the institution granting the PhD.
- Evidence of the date of the award of the doctoral degree.
- A brief CV outlining tertiary education, publications, and conference papers. Information about any interruption of career during the five-year period (e.g. parental leave) can be submitted as part of the CV.
- A confidential reference from the supervisor(s) of the thesis commenting on the applicant's personal attributes, ability to pursue further research, relevant experiences, and present employment situation. This reference should be sent direct to the Award Competition Co-Ordinator (Assoc. Prof. Alison Griffith, Department of Classics, University of Canterbury, alison.griffith@canterbury.ac.nz)

Applications should be submitted to the Award Competition Co-ordinator by **November 30**. Unsuccessful applications may be resubmitted in subsequent years, provided they comply with the 'early-career scholar' definition.

Assessment of Applications

The general conduct of the scheme will be in the hands of the Society's Secretary or one of the Vice Presidents. The applications are to be assessed by two senior members of the Society who have not been associated with the applicants' doctoral candidature or subsequent research.

Selection will be based on the merit both of the candidate (in the light of the examiners' reports on the thesis and subsequent research history) and of the proposed research project, and of the uses to which the award will be put.

Applications and further enquiries should be sent to:

Assoc. Prof. Alison Griffith, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand
(alison.griffith@canterbury.ac.nz), who is the Award Competition Co-ordinator for 2020.