



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. The Award is currently worth AUD\$3000. The aim of the Award is to assist in the development of the winner's academic career.

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. Applicants must be citizens of, or have permanent residency status in, either Australia or New Zealand, and must be members of ASCS.

Use of the Award

The award can be used, for example, to enable travel for further research, or to access publications and library resources to advance the research topic, or to assist in the publication costs of the original thesis. [It is recognised that having to make a contribution towards the publication costs of a thesis – a necessary career step – is often a reality].

Within three years of receipt of the Award, the winner (other than someone who proposes to use the funds to assist with the publication of a thesis) should submit an article for consideration to *Antichthon*, or, if appropriate, to an academic, refereed journal of equivalent rank. In the latter case, the winner must provide the ASCS Secretary with a copy of a document acknowledging the submission.

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 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 (Dr. 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 each year. Unsuccessful applications may be resubmitted in subsequent years, provided they comply with the "early 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:

Dr Alison Griffith, ASCS Vice President, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand (alison.griffith@canterbury.ac.nz), who is the Award Competition Co-Ordinator.