



**THE QUEEN'S  
ANNIVERSARY PRIZES**

**FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION**

**Entry Document for  
the Fifteenth Round**

**2022–2024**

*A national honour for the contribution  
by UK universities and colleges to  
educational, economic and social progress*



**The Prizes are granted by HM The Queen as part of the honours system every two years. They were established in 1994 to recognise outstanding work by UK universities and colleges of further education which is making a significant contribution to the UK education sector, economy and society, and in the service of wider human progress and wellbeing.**



HRH The Prince of Wales, with HRH The Princess Royal, presents The Queen's Anniversary Prize to London School of Economics and Political Science at St James's Palace, on 17 February 2022.

By agreement with the Palace, The Queen's Anniversary Prizes are administered by an independent charity, the Royal Anniversary Trust. Following an assessment process, the Trust makes recommendations for the award of Prizes for the approval of The Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister. By custom, the Prizes are presented by a senior member of the Royal Family at

an investiture ceremony at a Royal Palace. The Prize is non-monetary and takes the form of a Prize Medal and accompanying Prize Certificate signed by the Sovereign. Prize-winning universities and colleges benefit from being able to publicise the award of the honour online, through the media and in other ways, and to cite it in support of their activities and plans.

# Invitation to enter

Every two years, The Queen's Anniversary Prizes scheme has invited UK universities and colleges to put forward an aspect of their work for recognition in the honours system. The scheme looks for achievement – in any subject area – which is outstanding in quality, innovative or ground-breaking and above all is producing clear and active public benefit. Your institution is invited to participate in this round of the scheme.

Entries must be received by the Trust on or before the **closing date of Wednesday 29 March 2023.**

The Prizes are the highest national honour awarded to UK universities and colleges for the contribution they make to education and for the wider benefit they bring for people. The scheme encourages institutions to look at their work in broad terms of quality and value. As the honour is conferred on a college or university as a whole, irrespective of the subject matter put forward, it supports the reputation and profile of the entire institution. It is often the catalyst for new opportunities and achievement.

In the fourteen rounds of the scheme to date, a total of 296 Prizes have been granted by Her Majesty The Queen to 137 individual institutions: 54 colleges of further education and 83 universities.

A Prize-winning entry will persuade reviewers that

- it represents an example of the best the UK is doing in the particular field;
- it is genuinely distinctive in terms of comparable or similar work being done elsewhere in the UK;
- it is bringing identifiable benefits to the educational activity of the institution;
- it is delivering clear and verifiable benefits in the wider world.

The Trust is happy to provide advice and guidance at any time on any aspect of the Prizes scheme and how to take part.

# 1

## How the Prize can help your institution



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*The Prize has raised the profile of the research, enabling those involved to make several new international collaborations and extending its reach. The University is committed to conducting innovative and progressive research that will not only prove instrumental in guiding future sustainable initiatives, but also be a driving force in a change of behaviour and use around microplastic worldwide. The award of the Queen's Anniversary Prize remains the career and personal highlight for every member of the team.*

University of Exeter 2019

Imperial's COVID-19 testing lab helped to increase national testing capacity, Imperial College London.

**The Queen's Anniversary Prizes are unique in the UK honours system in being the only award presented, at an investiture ceremony, to an institution rather than to an individual. The Prize is an opportunity for a university or college to promote its achievement and raise its profile, and to encourage pride and motivation among its staff and student community. It is very often a deciding factor in the leveraging of new funding and the winning of new business, new work and future success.**

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## How to enter

Entries are submitted in the name of the head of institution, who should sign the Application form (listed below).

**Entries should be sent to the Trust as separate PDF attachments to [info@royalanniversarytrust.org.uk](mailto:info@royalanniversarytrust.org.uk) by the closing date of Wednesday 29 March 2023.** Entries received after that date cannot be considered.



*Arising directly from the Queen's Anniversary Prize-winners celebratory Dinner, a major donor has agreed to support further research into the control of pests in Africa to safeguard crops and livelihoods. It has also led directly to the development of a successful application for £5 million UK Food Systems Centre for Doctoral Training. This is the first UKRI-funded doctoral training programme awarded to the University of Greenwich.*

University of Greenwich 2019



*The prestige and standing of the Queen's Anniversary Prize is recognised both at home and internationally and our research teams across the energy portfolio have attracted significant attention from research partners. The award is a clear barometer of the quality and esteem of our work, and it has been effective in allowing our academics to leverage further research grants and partnerships.*

University of Stirling 2019

### 1. Application form (one page)

Download from the Trust web site  
[www.queensanniversaryprizes.org.uk/how-to-participate](http://www.queensanniversaryprizes.org.uk/how-to-participate)

### 2. Summary sheet (one page)

Download from the Trust web site  
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### 3. Main narrative (not more than ten A4 pages)

The narrative is the story of your selected work. It may include images and/or graphics to illustrate its nature and its effect. The form of the narrative is not prescribed but **it should clearly demonstrate, with evidence, how the work meets the three criteria for the award of a Prize:**

- **quality and excellence;**
- **innovation and distinctiveness;**
- **impact and benefit to your university or college and the wider world.**

The criteria are expressed in 'plain English' and the narrative should be accessible to an informed reader. Technical points should be included as relevant to the case and will be referred to appropriate specialist sources for opinion and comment.

The narrative should not refer to your university or college by name. Instead, please use the terms 'the university/college/institution'.

This is to minimise, as far as possible, the recognition of an institution by Readers in the initial stages of assessment.

An entry may be about any activity or field of work, be multidisciplinary or have a more general theme. It may involve collaboration with other universities, colleges or local businesses and with public, governmental or non-governmental bodies or international organisations.

Entry documents are available at  
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## The assessment process

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*The accolade of winning a Queen’s Anniversary Prize brought to a new audience a little-known but key dimension of our work – our ability to produce ground-breaking 3D modelling of above and below water seascapes. It means the college is now also recognised in this broader field of maritime expertise and boosted its standing as one of the North East’s best further education centres, as well as consolidating a global reputation.*

**Tyne Coast College 2019**

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*The Prize has demonstrably helped with the morale and well-being of our students and the value to them which has fostered a sense of belonging. A Year 1 BEng Manufacturing Engineering student remarked: Being a part of a course that has been awarded with the Queen’s Anniversary Prize just further pushes the pride that each student has for the course they are on. It is representative of the high level of education and teaching as well as hard work that each person on Manufacturing is receiving and doing – it creates a sense of community that is like no other.*

**Coventry University 2019**

The assessment process is independent and overseen by the trustees. Around 200 individual reviewers (Readers) covering a wide range of experience and expertise support the Trust in the process. The Trust also seeks advice from national/international specialists in the field of an entry and UK government departments. The opinion of reviewers and other sources is given on the basis of confidentiality and anonymity. The Prizes scheme has no categories or ‘quotas’ as regards the type of institution, subject matter or geography.

Each entry is given the best possible opportunity to make its case against the criteria guiding recommendations for recognition. Normally around twenty entries per round are recommended for the award of Prizes, and upwards of a hundred entries may be received in a round. The scheme is therefore competitive.

The key stages of the assessment process for round 15 are described below:

<b>29 March 2023</b>	Closing date for receipt of entries by the Trust
<b>April 2023</b>	Each entry is sent to three Readers for advice on prize-worthy potential with a recommendation on further reviewing as needed
<b>Late May to early September 2023</b>	Entries under consideration referred to UK governments, subject specialists and technical experts and the Trust’s advisory panels for higher and further education for advice
<b>Late September 2023</b>	Awards Council reviews a shortlist of entries and makes recommendations for the award of Prizes for approval by HM The Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister

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## Rules of the Prizes scheme

Entries must be endorsed and signed off on the Application form by the head of the institution;

Only one entry per institution may be submitted;

A Prize may be awarded for work previously entered that did not win a Prize where clear evidence is given of its development;

Prizes are awarded for group endeavours, not the work of individuals;

Prizes are not awarded for pure research that has yet to deliver beneficial results in the outside world;

An entry about work undertaken in a consortium or partnership, or in association with another educational institution, must confirm the lead institution when submitting the entry for the purposes of recognition in the Prizes scheme.

### Conditions of entry

The assessment process is confidential and the decision of the Trust as regards recommendations for Prizes is final;

Prize-winning universities and colleges will be expected to attend the formal honours ceremony (expected to be held at a Royal Palace in February 2024) and the Prize-winners Dinner (customarily held at the Guildhall in London by the Trust the evening before);

Prize-winners will be asked to discuss with the Trust their plans to promote their award, taking account of guidelines which will be provided by the Trust to all Prize-winners;

Prize-winners will be expected to update the Trust, on request, on the progress and development of the work for which they have been awarded a Prize;

Prize-winners will be asked to participate in any future Trust Challenges (an example is the 2022 Platinum Jubilee Challenge) contributing to the development of initiatives for the benefit of the wider higher and further education sector in the UK;

Confidential feedback on entries that did not win a Prize will be provided to institutions on request.

An apprentice of Babcock DSG in the engineering workshop at Warwick Trident College.



Further information about The Queen's Anniversary Prizes can be found at [www.queensanniversaryprizes.org.uk](http://www.queensanniversaryprizes.org.uk)



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