

THE WORSHIPFUL LIVERY COMPANY OF WALES

The Art, Language and Law Award

in honour of Past Master Gillian Davies

Guidance, Award Criteria and Application Form

For applicants, their mentors and associates, and Livery personnel · Award cycles
2026–2030

Purpose. This is a new and prestigious Award of £10,000, spanning three distinct fields art, language and law in which not everyone involved will have expertise in every discipline. Clear, written guidance is therefore essential from the outset to guide applicants, their mentors and associates, and Awards committee and other stakeholders involved in order to ensure decisions are transparent and fair. This document should be read alongside the Company's Safeguarding, Privacy and Equal Opportunities policies and its table of Major Awards.

1. About the Award

In 2017, during her year as Master, Professor Gillian Davies raised funds to support exceptional young Welsh talent in subject areas reflecting her interest in the arts, languages and law, the use of modern foreign languages, and international topics, rather than the scientific, medical and musical subjects already supported in other awards. This Award realises that intent.

Its aims are to celebrate and support exceptional young Welsh talent in art, language or law; to deliver demonstrable benefit to recipients while developing the reputation of Welsh talent locally and internationally; to ensure the funds are used promptly and effectively; and to raise the profile of the Company.

2. Award Structure and Value

Value	£10,000 per recipient (payable in March). The panel may, exceptionally, divide an Award between two outstanding candidates.
Fields	Art, Language and Law, with an emphasis on the modern application of these subjects in an international framework. Examples: Fine Art projects, Sculpture installations, Intellectual Property Law, Modern Languages, judicial systems.
Category approach	Because the three fields are not directly comparable, each cycle runs as separate streams judged against discipline-specific criteria. The Assessment Panel will review each application from the different fields and

	agree and propose an Awardee which is then approved by the Awards Committee.
Duration	Five consecutive cycles, 2026–2030, with a formal review at the end of the 2028-29 budget year to determine the success of the award and suggest any changes.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Welsh connection

Applicants must be Welsh by birth, or have a strong, demonstrable connection to Wales by residence or education. Welsh people currently studying outside Wales are included, provided the majority of their pre-higher-education schooling was in Wales.

3.2 Age band

The primary age band is up to 35 years. An upper limit of 40 may be considered for an applicant who has undertaken postgraduate study and shows exceptional potential, or where a career change or retraining justifies it.

3.3 General conditions

- The applicant must identify a worthwhile project that will materially advance their career and show clear, measurable benefit to Welsh culture, civic life or the economy.
- Information given must be accurate and complete; an Award may be withdrawn if granted on materially inaccurate information.
- Applicants must be willing to be interviewed, to provide a short report if successful, and to support reasonable publicity for the Award.

4. How the Award Is Judged

Applications are assessed against five evaluation criteria. So that scoring is consistent across a panel whose members may not share expertise in every field, each criterion is scored on a published 100-point scale, with discipline-specific judgement applied within each criterion.

Criterion	Marks	What assessors look for
Impact and demonstrable benefit to Wales (and the UK)	30	Clear, measurable benefit to Welsh culture, civic life or economy.
Innovation	20	Originality; innovative project in Art, Law or Language as judged by the panel.

Criterion	Marks	What assessors look for
Track record relative to age band	20	Exceptional achievement and potential for the applicant's stage.
Project feasibility	15	A realistic plan, timeline and costs; international element where relevant.
Benefit to the applicant's development	10	How the Award advances the applicant's career.
Welsh connection and eligibility (essential)	5 essential	Genuine Welsh credentials by birth, residence or education. This is an essential element – without this the application fails
Total	100	

The Welsh-connection criterion is essential: an applicant who cannot show a genuine connection to Wales is not eligible regardless of total score. Panels score each criterion independently before discussion and record brief written comments to justify any score in the lowest band, for transparency.

The panel will include experts in the relevant field of Art, Language or Law if necessary, the panel will go initially to the wider Awards committee for the necessary expertise and if this expertise is not available then the panel will go outside the Awards committee to the Liverymen. If the expertise is still found to be lacking, then the panel will recruit from further contacts in the necessary fields to ensure fairness and a high level of professionalism that is necessary for a fair, valid and consistent outcome.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 The applicant

- Read this guidance, apply only if eligible, and complete the application fully, honestly and in their own words by the deadline.
- Make the case clearly against the five criteria in section 4, with a realistic project, timeline and costs.
- Be available for interview and respond promptly to requests for further information.

5.2 The mentor or associate

A mentor or associate is someone who knows the applicant's work, a tutor, supervisor, employer or nominating professional. Their role is to support, not to write, the application.

- Confirm the applicant's standing and achievement from first-hand knowledge, and provide a statement of support addressing the criteria.
- Help the applicant test that the project is realistic, while ensuring the application remains the applicant's own.
- Declare any personal or financial interest in the outcome.

5.3 Livery personnel, the Assessment Panel and assessors

- The Assessment Panel includes independent legal, artistic and linguistic experts were necessary alongside the Awards Lead and supporting team. If required Awards Committee members, with relevant expertise will be included in the awards panel. The expertise will be enlisted as required by the Awards panel.
- Assess every application consistently against the published criteria and only those criteria, applying discipline-specific expertise within each.
- Declare and manage conflicts of interest; an assessor connected to an applicant must withdraw from that decision.
- Keep applications confidential, process personal data under the Company's Privacy Policy, and observe the Safeguarding Policy at every stage, particularly where applicants are under 18.

6. The Application and Assessment Process

1. Open. The call for nominations and self-applications opens (indicatively in June of each cycle).
2. Apply. The applicant submits the completed form and attachments by the deadline (indicatively end of January). Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.
3. Eligibility check. The Lead of the Award Panel confirms eligibility, including the Welsh connection and age band.
4. Long-list and shortlist. Eligible applications are scored against the criteria and reduced to a discipline-specific shortlist.
5. Interview. Shortlisted applicants are interviewed, in person or online. With the appropriate expertise for each panel.
6. Decision and approval. The Panel agrees a recommendation; the Awards Committee approval is sort,.
7. Announcement and ceremony. The winner is announced and presented at a public ceremony to give the Award and Awardee the highest profile.
8. Report. The recipient provides a short report on the outcome and the benefit delivered.

Calendar — for confirmation. Proposals differ on exact dates (e.g. calls opening June; announcement in February; ceremony in March). The Awards Panel will fix and publish the timetable for each cycle before the call opens.

7. Governance, Fairness and Data

- **Consistency** all applicants in a cycle are assessed against the same published criteria and process.
- **Fairness** the Award is open to all eligible applicants regardless of background; reasonable adjustments are available on request.
- **Transparency** criteria and key dates are published in advance, scoring is recorded, and feedback is offered to unsuccessful applicants.
- **Confidentiality and data** personal information is used only to administer the Award, in line with the Company's Privacy Policy.

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Application Form (in honour of Past Master Gillian Davies)

Complete every section. Continue on a separate sheet if needed.

Section A — Award cycle and field

Field applied for (tick one): Art ☐ Language ☐ Law ☐

Award cycle / year

Section B — Applicant details

Full name

Date of birth

Address

Email

Telephone

Current institution / employer and your role or course

Section C — Welsh connection

Basis of connection (tick all that apply): Birth ☐ Residence ☐ Education ☐

Describe your connection with Wales, including where you were educated and any period of residence

Section D — Your achievement (max 500 words)

Summary of your achievement in your chosen field

Section E — Your project (max 500 words)

The project you propose: what you will do, where, and any international element

Proposed timeline and key milestones

Section F — The case against the criteria (MAX 500 WORDS IN TOTAL FOR THIS SECTION)

Address each criterion the panel uses to decide the Award.

1. Impact — measurable benefit to Welsh culture, civic life or the economy

2. Innovation — what is new or distinctive about your work or project

3. Track record — your achievements relative to your stage

4. Feasibility — why the project is realistic

5. Your development — how the Award will advance your career

Section F — How the Award would be used

Item	Amount (£)

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Total	

Other funding applied for or received for this project

Section G — Mentor / associate support (IF APPLICABLE A Mentor or associate support is not essential)

Mentor / associate name

Role and relationship to applicant

Email and telephone

Statement of support (achievement, impact, feasibility and suitability) (Max 500 words)

I confirm I have no undisclosed interest in the outcome. Signed:

_____ Date: _____

Section H — Declaration

I confirm that the information in this application is accurate and complete, that it is my own work, and that I am willing to attend an interview, to provide a short report if successful, and to support reasonable publicity. I consent to the Company processing my personal data to administer this Award in accordance with its Privacy Policy.

Applicant signature	Date
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Submit to: the Assistant Clerk, Angela J Parry MBE — asstclerk@livery.cymru, by the published deadline for the cycle.