

The ANZAMEMS– ARC Humanities Award for Original Research

Purpose of the Award:

The ARC Humanities and ANZAMEMS Book Prizes provide a **gold open access scheme** exclusively tailored to ANZAMEMS members.

The “ANZAMEMS–ARC Humanities Award for Original Research” is aimed at Early Career Researchers, including those completing their first books, and independent scholars. Where relevant, the winner of the Prize will benefit from ARC Humanities expert advice on converting a PhD thesis to a monograph.

The Prize consists of:

- i). a book contract with ARC Humanities Press and
- ii). AUD\$10,000, which is paid directly by ANZAMEMS to the Press to cover the costs of gold open access.

The objectives of the Prize are:

- to raise the global profile of the highest quality new medieval, Renaissance or early modern scholarship from ANZAMEMS members
- to disseminate published output through the foremost international publishing channels – immediate ‘gold’ open access alongside hardback and affordable paperback options
- to provide funding for gold open access publishing to those without other means of funding this
- to provide an international platform for cultivating the individual publishing profiles of new and established authors
- to support Early Career Researchers, including guiding them through the steps by which a thesis becomes a publishable monograph, and providing all authors with a joined-up academic publishing package - from peer review through copyediting and design to publication.

General:

- All works must be in English.
- Submissions should consist of a book proposal on the ANZAMEMS-ARC PRIZE proposal form which can be obtained from the [Prizes and Bursaries page](#) of the ANZAMEMS website, plus an introduction and sample chapter, and plus, in the case of PhD students, a reference from the Senior Supervisor commenting on the publishable quality of the proposed work.
- Submissions will be assessed by a Selection Panel consisting of a member of the ANZAMEMS General Committee, a representative of ARC Humanities Press, and three named academics appointed jointly by ANZAMEMS and the Press.

- Winning entries will be offered an individual author contract with the Press, and be subject to the terms of that contract.
- Submitted material will only be used for the purposes of the judging of this prize. All reasonable care will be taken with material submitted but no responsibility is accepted for loss of material received. Submitted material will be deleted once the judging process is complete.
- In all cases not covered by these conditions and guidelines, or where there may be scope for interpretation, the applicant should seek clarification from the Chair of the ANZAMEMS Honours & Prizes Sub-committee.
- In all matters relating to conditions of entry, the decision of the Publisher in consultation with ANZAMEMS is final.
- In all matters relating to judging of the “ANZAMEMS–ARC Humanities Award for Original Research”, the decision of the Publisher in consultation with ANZAMEMS is final.
- Winners of the Prize agree their name will be made public as part of ANZAMEMS/ARC Humanities Press publicity after agreeing the terms and conditions of their individual contract with ARC Humanities Press.
- Breach of the conditions of entry will render an entry invalid.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be [financial members](#) of ANZAMEMS at the time at which the application is made.
- Applicants must be EITHER:
 - a) A Postgraduate Student formally enrolled in a PhD by research programme or equivalent at an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand, whose thesis has been submitted but may be under examination at the time of the application for the Award. Requests for exceptions will require strong support from the Senior Supervisor.OR:
 - b) An Early Career Researcher with a connection to Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand;OR:
 - c). An independent scholar with a connection to Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

EXCLUSIONS: The following may not apply for this Prize: i). Students registered in an Honours or Masters degree; ii). PhD or equivalent candidates who have not yet submitted, or without a letter of reference from their Senior Supervisor EXCEPT where exceptional circumstances exist; iii). Scholars within five (5) years of retirement from a permanent position at an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Early Career Researcher:** ANZAMEMS defines an ECR as a scholar within ten (10) years of the award of a PhD (or equivalent research degree) at the time of the application. An extension to the ten-year limit may be granted for significant career interruption/s due to any one or more of the following circumstances: care responsibilities; international relocation for post-doctoral or other research employment; serious illness; maternity or parental leave; unemployment; employment outside academia/current academic discipline. The Selection Panel will consider exceptional circumstances that differ from the above.
 - **Independent Scholar:** ANZAMEMS defines an independent scholar as EITHER i). a scholar with no institutional affiliation during the twelve (12) months preceding the application period OR ii). a scholar with a contract with an institution for a period of twelve (12) months or less OR iii). a scholar with a contract with an institution longer than twelve (12) months but where the contract is less than 0.3 FTE OR iv). a scholar in full-time employment with either an academic institution or other employer but not employed in their field of study AND/OR in which publication in their field of study is not a part of their employment contract. The Selection Panel will consider exceptional circumstances that differ from the above.
 - A “**connection to Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand**”: ANZAMEMS defines such a connection as normally one of the following: i). the candidate completed one or more degrees at an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand; ii). the candidate is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand; iii). the candidate has an institutional connection of some type within the last five (5) years to an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand. The Selection Panel will consider exceptional circumstances that differ from the above. **EXCLUSIONS:** Post-doctoral positions of less than one (1) year.
- Only one submission per entrant per round will be accepted.

The decision of the Selection Panel concerning eligibility or what constitutes exceptional circumstances is final.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

- Sample chapters must be submitted in the following format:
 - A WORD document - 1.5-spaced or double-spaced. Pages should be numbered.

The minimum word limit for the proposed book is 45,000; the maximum word limit is 110,000 including bibliographies and references.

- Book proposals for which the application is made must not be under consideration by any publisher at the time of submission for the Prize; nor can they be submitted for consideration by another publisher during the assessment period.
- The payment of AUD\$10,000 by ANZAMEMS to ARC Humanities Press is subject to the author fulfilling all the requirements of the peer-review process as determined by their individual contract with ARC Humanities Press and submitting the complete manuscript within 18 months of the date of the Prize being awarded.
- The “ANZAMEMS–ARC Humanities Award for Original Research” is not transferable to another publisher.
- No cash equivalent of the “ANZAMEMS– ARC Humanities Award for Original Research” will be offered under any circumstances.