

M.A.K. Halliday Prize Regulations

Extracts (edited) for 2023 Award

ASFLA (The Australian Systemic Functional Linguistics Association) calls for nominations for the first M.A.K. Halliday Prize. The award will be assessed together by an international selection committee; in 2023 each of its seven members is from a different region of the world.

Eligibility

The prize is to be awarded to the author/s of an eligible book that the selection committee considers best fulfils the selection criteria. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- §1. The prize is open to books focusing on Systemic Functional Linguistics, broadly defined.
- §2. The prize is open to books from any country and written in any language focusing on Systemic Functional Linguistics.
- §3. The prize is open to books emphasising theoretical, descriptive or applied concerns.
- §4. The prize is open to authored monographs of new work.
- §5. Although very encouraging of early-career and junior scholars, the prize is open to scholars of all levels, and the career stage of the author/s will not be taken into account.
- §6. The prize is open to books with multiple authors. If such a book wins, the prize is shared between the authors.
- §7. Eligible books must be published in “the publication period”; for the 2023 Award, the publication period is 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022. *Note:* The year of publication can be taken from the year of release OR the year of copyright. If release year and copyright year fall in different award periods, a book can be nominated in one only.
- §8. Second or subsequent editions of a scholarly monograph will generally not be eligible unless in the opinion of the selection committee such a book makes a significantly new contribution on par with a first edition book of new work.
- §10. In the case of any questions of eligibility, the selection committee may interpret the eligibility requirements as they see fit.

Criteria

For eligible books, the selection of the Prize will be based on the following criteria:

- §11. Excellence of the work;
- §12. Its significance for the development of Systemic Functional Linguistics.

Submission of nominations - due by 31 March 2023.

- §13. Initial nominations will be received by a maximum two-page nomination plus an abstract of the book.
- §14. The nomination will include the publication and authorship details of the book, a confirmation of its eligibility including its date of publication, an overview of the book, an argument for its significance in relation to the criteria of the award and any other details the nominator wishes to include within the two-page limit.
- §15. The nomination may be made by the author/s or by another scholar who wishes to nominate the book.
- §16. As specified in the selection committee regulations, the working language of the nomination and committee will be English, however the book itself may be in any language as per clause §28.
- §26. A committee member may not nominate a book, nor have a book under consideration for the award during the duration of their term. If they wish to nominate a book or

have a book of their own nominated, they must step down from their role.

§27. Any potential conflicts of interest between committee members and nominated authors (e.g., a family member or current supervisory relationship) must be declared. Where a committee member declares a conflict of interest, the committee will decide whether the member should withdraw and be replaced by another member from their region.

After nominations close, the shortlisting and final award will be assessed by the international selection committee.

Regulations Timeline Step 3

The selection committee judges the nominations and prepares a provisional shortlist by 31st May 2023. The provisional shortlist will include no more than four (4) books.

§17. Once the provisional short-list has been determined, the committee informs the author/s of their selection. The author/s may withdraw their nomination if they wish, in which case the selection committee will remove the book from the shortlist and determine whether to replace it with another book.

Regulations Timeline Step 4 - Summary

Final shortlist is published 1st June 2023.

Copies of books [on the shortlist] are obtained for each member of the selection committee. Each member of the selection committee reads each short-listed book (see §28).

§28. If a short-listed book is written in a language other than English and no one on the committee speaks the language in which the book is written, the committee may agree to bring in another non-voting member who can read the book, write a brief report on it and speak to it in comparison to the other short-listed books during the judging period. Where possible, the committee should include members who together speak a breadth of languages to support nominations from multiple languages.

Regulations Timeline Step 5 - Announcement of Award

**during ASFLA 2023
the annual conference to be held 22-24 November
at the University of Wollongong
Wollongong NSW 2522, Australia.**
