

# The Holberg Prize

## FAQs

# Nature of Award

- ▶ International

# What are the objectives of the award?

- ▶ The aim of the Holberg Prize is:
  - to recognize path-breaking scientific work in the humanities, social sciences, law and theology;
  - to contribute to raising the status of these fields and to stimulate interest in research among young people.

# Who is eligible to apply?

- ▶ Scholars holding positions at universities, academies and other research institutions, are entitled to nominate candidates for the Holberg Prize. Please also note the following restrictions in nomination:
  - Groups or organizations may not be nominated.
  - Self-nominations and post-humous nominations are not accepted.
  - Joint nominations do not strengthen a candidacy.
  - Nominations are strictly confidential and should not be disclosed to the nominee or to others at any time.

# How to apply for this award?

- ▶ Nomination could be made via online form.  
(<https://skjemaker.app.uib.no/view.php?id=9456273>)

# What document(s) should be prepared before and/or during application stage?

- ▶ The nominator should provide the following information of the nominees:
  - Online nomination form
  - A statement of 1000-3000 characters (incl. spaces), explaining why the candidate should receive the Holberg Prize.
  - The candidate's CV and publication list.
  - Names of three possible referees who know the candidate's work and who can provide additional information if needed.

# Is there an institutional quota for this scheme?

- ▶ There is no institutional quota for this scheme.

# What is the operational timeframe after internal deadline?

- ▶ For nomination, there is around around two-month time. Internal vetting/university's endorsement/internal selection/public notice is not required.



# Is there any funding/prize for awardees? If yes, will it be allocated to CUHK or to the awardee?

- ▶ The Prize has a monetary value of NOK 6 000,000 (approx. EUR 620,000 / USD 700,000).

Will grantor shortlist projects and invite applicants to attend presentation/meeting/interview?

▶ No.

# When will grantor announce the funding result?

- ▶ March each year.

# What is the selection process of The Holberg Prize?

- ▶ The Holberg Board awards the Prize at the recommendation of the Holberg Committee, which consists of internationally renowned scholars in the relevant research fields. The Holberg Prize Laureate will be announced in March and the Award ceremony takes place in Bergen, Norway, in the first week of June.

# What is the origin of The Holberg Prize?

- ▶ The Holberg Prize was established by the Norwegian Parliament 1 July 2003, and was awarded for the first time in 2004. The Prize is named after the Danish-Norwegian writer Ludvig Holberg, who excelled in all of the sciences covered by the award.
- ▶ The Holberg Prize is funded by the Norwegian Government Budget through a direct allocation from the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research to the University of Bergen, who administers the Prize on behalf of the ministry. The Holberg Prize secretariat is situated as part of the university administration, and responsible for the practical administration on a daily basis. This includes management of the nomination process, facilitating the work of the academic committees and hosting public events such as the Award Ceremony, the Holberg Symposium and the Holberg Debates