

Committee to Select the Bertrand Russell Prize of the AMS

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is three
- Term is three years
- Members are appointed by the President

The Bertrand Russell Prize of the AMS was established in 2016 by Thomas Hales. The prize looks beyond the confines of our profession to research or service contributions of mathematicians or related professionals to promoting good in the world. It recognizes the various ways that mathematics furthers fundamental human values.

The mission of the American Mathematical Society includes

- Promoting the uses of mathematical research,
- Advancing the status of the profession of mathematics, and
- Fostering an awareness and appreciation of mathematics and its connections to other disciplines and everyday life.

This prize is designed to promote these goals. Mathematical contributions that further world health, our understanding of climate change, digital privacy, or education in developing countries, are some examples of the type of work that might be considered for the prize.

The prize amount is \$5000, awarded every three years.

Principal Activities

The committee recommends a winner and communicates this recommendation to the Secretary for approval by the Executive Committee of the Council. The committee recommendation should include a written citation for the nominee.

Miscellaneous Information

The business of this committee can be done by mail, electronic mail, or telephone, expenses, which may be reimbursed by the Society.

Note to the Chair

Work done by committees on recurring problems may have value as precedent or work done may have historical interest. Because of this, the Council has requested that a central file system be maintained for the Society by the Secretary. Committees are reminded that records of work should be kept and submitted annually to the Secretary for archival purposes. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

Authorization

January 03, 2017 Council Minutes, Item 3.2

Council created the committee and approved its charge.

Past Members

A list of current and past members is available at:

<http://www.ams.org/about-us/governance/committees/russell-past.html>

Awardees

<http://www.ams.org/profession/prizes-awards/pabrowse?purl=russell-prize>

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