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McGowan-Crisp Award for New Scholarship in Dance

Dance Research, the journal of the Society for Dance Research, invites applications for the newly instituted **McGowan-Crisp Award for New Scholarship in Dance**.

The prize will be awarded for a **previously unpublished essay in recognition of outstanding originality and excellence in one of the many forms of dance research**. The award honours the memories of Professor Margaret McGowan and Clement Crisp who for many years devoted their time, expertise and enthusiasm to *Dance Research* and consistently promoted distinction and innovation in all forms of dance scholarship.

**Main award £2,000
Up to three Honourable Mentions £500 each**

Acceptance of the award carries a commitment to publishing the submission in *Dance Research* following regular editorial procedures. Recipients of Honourable Mention awards may also be encouraged to submit their essay to *Dance Research*. Information on this prestigious journal, published twice yearly by Edinburgh University Press, may be found here:

<https://www.euppublishing.com/loi/drs>

Submission Deadline	1 September 2026
Notification of Result	1 December 2026
Celebration Event (TBC)	4 December 2026
Anticipated Publication Date	Autumn 2027

Payment of the award will normally be made following successful publication in *Dance Research*.

Submission Format Details

The submission may be in the form of an article suitable for publication in *Dance Research* and follow a guideline length of **5,000-8,000 words inclusive of full references**. Depending on format, shorter or longer lengths can be considered.

Guidelines for authors may be found here:

<https://www.euppublishing.com/page/drs/submissions>

Practice researchers are encouraged to apply through submission of a text suitable for publication in the journal, which can be flexible in terms of style, format and textual design. The guideline length can also be flexible, incorporating images and/or other visual material where relevant, subject to the publisher's [Guidelines on Supplementary Material Online](#).

Eligibility

The awards are open to all. There will be no limitation with respect to age, condition or status, academic or otherwise of the applicant. The submission, as in all quality academic international journals, will be peer reviewed by a panel of expert assessors.

We welcome applications from those who have not published in *Dance Research* before and particularly those from under-represented groups. You do not have to be a member of the Society for Dance Research to submit your work for the award, although we encourage those interested in applying to look at the benefits of membership for researchers.

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Please note that you may receive only one **McGowan-Crisp Award for New Scholarship in Dance** and any subsequent submissions from successful candidates are not permitted, except in the case of those receiving Honourable Mentions whose submissions do not progress to publication.

Application Process

To submit materials for the **McGowan-Crisp Award for New Scholarship in Dance** please complete the following application form here:

[Application Guidelines](#)

As part of the application, you will be requested to complete an Equal Opportunities and Monitoring Form. This is voluntary and anonymous but will help the Society for Dance Research to achieve its mission of advancing opportunities for all in the promotion of excellence in dance research.

The Equal Opportunities and Monitoring Form can be found here:

[Equality and Diversity Monitoring Form](#)

Please follow the guidelines carefully before submitting.

If you are unable to use the online application Google form, you may as an alternative submit your application by email to the Hon. Editor, Richard Ralph, at editordanceresearch@gmail.com (with a CC to richardralph1066@gmail.com). Please note that using the online application form above is the preferred submission method.

2026 Committee Membership for the McGowan-Crisp Award for New Scholarship in Dance

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The Committee reserves the right not to make awards in any one year should submissions fail to meet the criteria of originality and excellence in dance scholarship.