General Information for University and Colleges for the 2020 The Prince Philip Prizes and Hammermen Awards For Engineering Students and Apprentices

The Incorporation of Hammermen of Glasgow is proposing to continue to sponsor the Prince Philip Prizes and Hammermen Awards for Engineering Students and Apprentices for Universities and Colleges following on from the success of the scheme over past years. The Prince Philip Prizes are open to students and apprentices.

The following prizes are available to students, apprentices and graduate apprentices of Universities and Colleges of Further Education Centres within the former Strathclyde Region.

There will be 2 Prince Philip Prizes of £2000 (1 for University and 1 for College sector).

In addition, we offer Hammermen Awards of £300 to each individual College campus nominee winner and University nominee winner on the basis outlined below and seek your support for this Scheme.

The object of the competition is to encourage and assist engineering students and apprentices who are studying for a University or College qualification with a view to subsequent employment in any branch of the engineering industries related to the origins of our Craft in metalwork and its modern day equivalent or equivalents such as mechanical or marine engineering.

Hammermen Awards

The Hammermen Awards will be based on the same successful format as previous years. Universities and Colleges will be asked to invite applications from their students for each of the Hammermen awards. On receipt of the completed application forms, each University and College will select and interview a short list of candidates and decide on their winner for the Hammermen Award of £300.
In assessing their candidates, Universities and College representatives will take into consideration not only the information given in the application form, but also the evidence of their chosen career presented in interview by the candidates.

**Prince Philip Prizes**

Having been presented with each University and College campus Hammermen winner, the Incorporation of Hammermen Awards Committee will then short leet the winners and invite only 5 to apply for the Prince Philip Prize scheme based upon their application form.

The selected candidates will be required:

- To write a short application, with images if appropriate, describing the type of work that they have undertaken and their future career intentions and ambitions. This should not exceed 500 words in length and must be typewritten.
- To be interviewed by members of the Committee, generally at the Incorporation’s offices in Glasgow on a weekday evening in May 2020.

The Prince Philip winner prize will be awarded to the best candidates in the opinion of the committee, having regard to the quality of the application and presentation of their treatise and to the impression made on interview. Normally one top prize will go to the best University entrant and one to the best College entrant.

Prize winners are encouraged to apply the prize money in the development of their careers and perhaps towards the cost of a visit to the works of a company (preferably outwith Scotland), associated with their career interest. If such a visit is proposed, the Master Court of the Incorporation of Hammermen of Glasgow will, on request and where possible, assist by providing introductions etc. and each prize winner will be expected to submit a report on the use to which the prize money has been put and/or if he or she has been on a visit to a company, to send a brief report outlining what has been learned during the visit.

Your support in making these conditions known to students selected for interview would be greatly appreciated.

**Guidelines**

The Awards Committee agreed the following guidelines for the 2020 Awards:

- A minimum of five application forms must be received by each training establishment; copies of the applications should be sent to me (scanned form can be emailed to raylyon2003@yahoo.co.uk). In the event that less than five application forms are received at each establishment, the Incorporation reserves the right to withdraw the prize and not make any awards, notwithstanding the quality of those applications.

- In selecting winners, it is expected that the Universities and Colleges will apply discretion to worthy/needy cases as appropriate, especially for candidates who are marginal in terms of the other criteria.

- The Awards Committee of the Incorporation of Hammermen retain the option to be present at the University and College Interviews.
Completed (TYPED preferred) application forms should be returned by students to the University or College by 28 February 2020 and a winner should be selected by each establishment before 20 March 2020. Names of the winners should be notified to me as 2020 Awards Convener of the Incorporation of Hammermen, by that date. It would be helpful if the home address and email address is included on the applications in order that invitations to the presentation ceremony can be copied there if required.

It is proposed that the Hammermen Awards will be presented at a relatively formal ceremony in the Trades Hall in April 2020 (Date TBC). The Prince Philip Prizes will be awarded at the Craft’s Annual Dinner in November 2020.

The structure of the scheme has been extremely successful and once again we are looking for a high level of participation in the competition, and that with your help, students from your institution will feature prominently in the list of winners of these prestigious awards.

Posters for student information and application forms can be obtained from the awards convener, Raymond Lyon (raylyon2003@yahoo.co.uk). If you have any questions or observations on the foregoing please contact Raymond Lyon, Convener, Hammermen Awards Committee or alternatively the Clerk, Grant Johnston at wgj@wjm.co.uk.

Raymond Lyon

The 2020 Prizes and Awards Convener
The Incorporation of Hammermen of Glasgow.