

THE JACK MEDAL 2026 | CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS AND NOMINATIONS

The International Association for the Study of Scottish Literatures (IASSL) invites submissions and nominations for the best article/book chapter published on a subject related to Reception or Diaspora in Scottish Literatures.

The winner will be selected by the IASSL Award Committee: Isla Jack, IASSL convenor, IASSL secretary, and one of the IASSL trustees, and announced by April 2027. At the discretion of the Committee, up to two Honourable Mentions may also be awarded. The award will be presented at the 5th IASSL Congress in Nanjing. The winner will receive a certificate, a three-year IASSL membership, and a specially designed medal.

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We welcome submissions and nominations of articles and book chapters that fall into one or more of the following categories:

Reception

Theoretical or empirical investigations of how Scottish writers and their works have been received across the world and in different historical periods, including:

- translations
- remediations/popular adaptations
- imitations
- reviews
- scholarly criticism.

Diaspora

- Theoretical or empirical investigations of literary representations of any aspect of the Scottish diasporas/migrations across the world and in different historical periods, or of diasporic communities in Scotland, focusing either on individual or collective experiences/perspectives.
- Theoretical or empirical investigations of how diasporic experiences/perspectives have re- shaped/questioned the Scottish literary canon, individual literary genres and/or representations of ideas of national identity.

SUBMISSIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Any and all authors can submit their published works, including those who are not IASSL members. The only requirement is that the submitted article/chapter is in the English language, or in Scots, or in Scottish Gaelic (in the latter case, an English translation will have to be supplied. The translation will be published in open access on the IASSL website if the article wins the Medal, or if it is awarded an Honourable Mention). Nominations from IASSL members and journal editors are also welcome.

If the submission is a chapter from a single-author monograph, the author is invited to send the whole text, indicating which chapter they wish to nominate. Only one submission per author is accepted.

Deadline: 30 November 2026

Submissions and nominations for 2026 should be sent to scotlit-iassl@glasgow.ac.uk by 30 November 2026. We accept articles and chapters published between 1 December 2025 and 30 November 2026 (articles published in Autumn/Winter issues of journals are eligible, provided they have not been submitted to the Jack Medal the previous year).

Both submissions and nominations should include the following information:

- Author name and title
- Valid email address
- Institutional affiliation
- Full title and publication details of article or book chapter
- Date of publication
- PDF copy of the article / book chapter as attachment.