



HERALDIC INSTITUTE

Medal of Merit

- 1) *The Heraldic Institute shall award the “Medal of Merit”.*
- 2) *It shall always be referred to as the “Heraldic Institute Medal of Merit”, including in all publicity and social media posts pertaining to it, awardees and award ceremonies.*
- 3) *The Heraldic Institute Medal of Merit shall be awarded to individuals for long or conspicuous service to the art and science of heraldry. “Long” shall be interpreted as a minimum of 10 years. “Conspicuous” shall be interpreted as meaning a major impact on either the art or science of heraldry or both. The committee may be flexible in its interpretation of these points.*
- 4) *The Heraldic Institute Medal of Merit will primarily be awarded to individuals who have received no other or very little other recognition. Highly decorated persons are unlikely to be considered, except in exceptional circumstances.*
- 5) *No more than three Medals shall be awarded annually.*
- 6) *Recipients shall be chosen by a committee appointed by the Board of the Institute or its deputies.*
- 7) *Recipients of the Medal should not normally be expected to be elected to the Fellowship in the near future.*
- 8) *Individuals may be nominated by heraldic organisations collectively or by individuals with at least one further supporting nomination. The Fellows of the Institute may also nominate individuals through the committee.*
- 9) *Recipients of the Heraldic Institute Medal of Merit may receive the physical award and certificate through a Fellow of the Institute or, should this not be possible, through the nominating individual, a representative of an heraldic organisation or by post.*
- 10) *The awardee may be presented with a certificate bearing the name of the Institute and that of the nominating organisation (if applicable).*
- 11) *Nominations shall be made through a form which cover all details of the nominee and those nominating.*
- 12) *The Institute will make no profit from awarding the Medal of Merit.*
- 13) *The Heraldic Institute may charge whoever makes the nomination - if it is successful - a small fee to cover the cost of administration .*
- 14) *The Registrar shall keep a list of recipients and Medals they received.*
- 15) *The Medal remains the property of the Institute and is to be returned upon the death of the recipient.*
- 16) *Recipients may be struck off the list of recipients and asked to return their Medal of Merit without reason. The Institute will cover the costs of returning the Medal in this case.*
- 17) *The Medal of Merit shall consist of an open gold-coloured medal featuring the Institute’s badge (four shields between two crossed batons), three-quarter surrounded by crossed laurels, the arch of the crossed laurels being closed by a plain gold band, suspended from a light blue ribbon with two gold stripes on the outer sides, but not on the edge (Fig. 1).*



Fig. 1



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Further Information

The Institute

The Heraldic Institute e.V., through its Fellowship of distinguished heraldic experts and artists, wishes to promote good heraldic practices and seeks to foster the better understanding and acceptance of national differences and traditions through heraldry. We thus see heraldry not just as a beautiful art and helpful historical science, but also as a tool for the better understanding of peoples.

The Institute specialises in sharing knowledge in a way that transcends traditional educational frameworks, whilst drawing inspiration from the heritage of ancient learned societies. The Heraldic Institute is supported by voluntary contributions and run by volunteers. We are a state-registered association with not-for-profit status within the Federal Republic of Germany. *Our board, finances and articles of association are a matter of public record and are scrutinised by the state.*

Medal



The Heraldic Institute Medal of Merit will be supplied as a full-sized decoration pendant from a ribbon. Miniatures and “lady’s” bows can be purchased from the manufacturer: www.taxon.se

GDPR and Contacts

Please note: all data supplied will be handled in full compliance with the European Union’s data protection rules (GDPR). For more details see the ‘About Us’ section the website for documents on our governance.

For further details, please get in touch: registrar.heraldicinstitute@gmail.com



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Medal of Merit Nomination Form

We do not accept incomplete applications
We do not accept applications made in your own name.

Please nominate via route 1a or 1b.

Please print this form and fill it in, in block capitals. Information marked with an asterisk () is compulsory.*

1a Nomination made by an Heraldic Organisation

Your Name (your details will remain anonymous) *

Your Email Address *

Name of Heraldic Organisation *

Website of your organisation *

Your role within the organisation *

Nominee's Name *

Nominee's Email Address *

Nominee's Physical Address *

Please attach document outlining the nominees suitability to receive the Medal of Merit. This should be on the headed notepaper of your organisation, comprise at least 500 words and bear your signature and date.*

1b Nomination made by Individuals

Your Name (your details will remain anonymous) *

Your Email Address *

Nominee's Name *

Nominee's Email Address *

Nominee's Physical Address *

Please attach at least two document outlining the nominees suitability to receive the Medal of Merit. One may be from you. Each document should be on headed notepaper bearing a full name, address and email address. Further, the nominations should comprise at least 500 words and bear the signature and date of each making the nomination. *

2 Is the person nominated likely to accept the Medal of Merit, should they receive it?

Please ensure this without letting the nominee know you have nominated them.

☐ Yes *

3 Please post this nomination and als supporting documentation to

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