

LONDON ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRIZE 2026

Background

The London Archaeological Prize was established in 2004 to encourage high publication standards and wider dissemination of London's archaeological findings. London Archaeologist administers the Prize, also known as the Publication Prize, which is awarded every two years.

The 2026 Prize

- Nominations are invited for publications **that appeared in 2024 and 2025**.
- We want to encourage as many nominations as possible: anyone may nominate a publication, whether author, publisher or appreciative reader.
- The award (£300 plus a certificate) will be presented at a ceremony in the autumn of 2026.
- If there are sufficient entries of a high enough standard, a second prize of £150 plus certificate may also be awarded.
- Entries may be produced by professional, amateur or commercial publishers, but must be in digital or printed form (not broadcast).
- Any type of print or digital publication will be eligible – it may be a book, monograph, journal article, blog or the proceedings of a conference.
- The prize committee would particularly like to encourage entries demonstrating innovative approaches and ground-breaking formats.
- Publications must be related to the archaeology of Greater London, defined as the area within the M25.
- There is no restriction on each entry's target audience – scholars, professional or volunteer archaeologists, the general public or children are all valid.
- The judges will consider the quality and excellence of each entry in relation to a series of agreed criteria, assessing how well each publication addresses its aims.

CLOSING DATE Nominations must be received on or before **Wednesday 20th May 2026**.

JUDGING Entries will be assessed by a panel of judges appointed by the Publication Committee of London Archaeologist.

PROCEDURE As well as providing their own contact details, the nominator(s) should name the publication and publisher and give a brief explanation (100 words max) of why they believe it is worthy of the Prize. It would be helpful, but not essential, to use the

standard nomination form. Note that there is no need to provide copies of the publication at this initial stage. The judges will agree a short list from those nominated and will then ask publishers for copies. Copies will be returnable on request.

FORMS AND SUBMISSIONS

Nomination forms are available online at londonarchaeologist.org.uk or from Alison Telfer, Coordinator.

All nominations should be returned to her by email: atelfer@mola.org.uk

Or by post to Alison Telfer, Coordinator, London Archaeological Prize, c/o MoLA, Mortimer Wheeler House, 46 Eagle Wharf Road, London N1 7ED;