Brian Abel-Smith Memorial Fund



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Brian Abel-Smith Lifetime Achievement Award

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BRIAN ABEL-SMITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Honouring the work of Brian Abel-Smith, an influential pioneer in the field of social welfare, LSE's Department of Health Policy is proud to launch the Brian Abel-Smith Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award recognises individuals who during their lifetime have made a significant intellectual contribution to the field of health policy and social welfare and achieved notable policy impact, benefitting population health.

In line with Abel-Smith's own approach and achievements, award criteria place equal weight on research excellence and policy impact.



Who is eligible for the award?

Nominees can be from varied backgrounds, including academics, practitioners, and policy makers, but must have a minimum of 25 years of professional experience. They can be still working or retired. They must be able to demonstrate:

- A significant body of intellectual work in the field of welfare policy or health policy
- Tangible impact on policy or health care delivery

Current LSE salaried staff cannot be nominated for an award, but can make nominations.

How are winners selected?

Nominations will be reviewed and selected by a Selection Committee based at the LSE and comprising current leading academics, policymakers and practitioners in the field.

Who can make a nomination?

Nominees cannot self-nominate. Nominations should typically be submitted by academics, policymakers or any other distinguished experts in the field.

How often are awards made?

Subject to the quality of nominations, an award will be made every two years.

What will the winner receive?

Prize winners receive £10,000 pounds and deliver an award lecture at the LSE.

How do I make a nomination?

To make a nomination you will need to complete an award nomination form and submit it, along with a letter detailing the rationale behind your nomination and a CV for the nominated candidate, to abel.smith.fund@lse.ac.uk

You can download an award nomination form and nomination guidelines from the Department of Health Policy website at Ise.ac.uk/health-policy. Letters should typically not exceed two pages.

Award nominations will be retained on file for three award cycles (6 years).

What is the deadline for submissions?

Please return the completed form and supporting documents (in PDF or DOC format) by 1700hrs on 29 May 2020. Submissions must be sent electronically to abel.smith.fund@lse.ac.uk

Selection Committee

Dr Jennifer Dixon Chief Executive, The Health Foundation

Professor Dame Sally Davies

Master Trinity College, University of Cambridge and UK Special Envoy on Antimicrobial Resistance and former Chief Medical Officer for England

Professor Simon Hix

Harold Laski Professor of Political Science and Pro-Director for Research, LSE (Selection Committee Chair)

Dr Astrid James Deputy Editor, The Lancet

Rt Hon Professor Lord Kakkar

Professor of Surgery at University College London, Consultant Surgeon at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Chair of UCLPartners and The King's Fund

Professor Alistair McGuire

Chair of Health Economics, Department of Health Policy, LSE

Professor Elias Mossialos

Brian Abel-Smith Professor of Health Policy, Department of Health Policy, LSE

Dame Una O'Brien

Trustee, Macmillan Cancer Support and former Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health

Sir Simon Stevens Chief Executive Officer, NHS England

Professor Anne West

Professor of Education Policy, Department of Social Policy, LSE

BRIAN ABEL-SMITH

Brian Abel-Smith was one of the most influential academics and expert advisers of the 20th century in shaping social welfare. He was driven by a strong social mission to improve the lives of the poorest. As well as holding a Professorship in Social Administration at the LSE from 1965–91, he was an Emeritus Professor from 1991–96 and Chair of LSE Health from 1995–96. Abel-Smith spent his life trying to improve that of others in the way he knew best – through academic excellence.

THE BRIAN ABEL-SMITH MEMORIAL FUND

The Fund, hosted by the LSE's Department of Health Policy, was established with the aim of promoting activities related to the work of Brian Abel-Smith. The Fund supports a range of activities including a Brian Abel-Smith Chair and Research Fellows, academic prizes for masters students within the Department and a biography series chronicling the achievements of Abel-Smith and his fellow social policy pioneers.

LSE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH POLICY

The Department trains and inspires people passionate about health by advancing and challenging their understanding of health systems and the social, economic and political contexts in which they operate. The Department's unique research base contributes to the LSE's established world presence and reputation in health policy, health economics and demography. The department is home to over fifty Academics and more than 400 MSc students every year from over sixty countries. It specialises in delivering training and education programmes in the fields of health policy for public and private sector organisations around the world.

LSE HEALTH

LSE Health is a multidisciplinary research centre with over 25 years of experience in advancing global research in health policy and health economics.