

Application for the 2020 Walker Cowen Memorial Prize of the University of Virginia

Scope of topic

Submissions should be a work in Eighteenth-Century Studies in history (including history of science), literature, philosophy or the arts. The work may cover Europe, the Americas, or the Atlantic world.

Eligibility

New manuscripts

Any unpublished, book-length manuscript in English. The author may be of any nationality. Only manuscripts that are not under review elsewhere will be considered.

Translation candidates

Books published since July 2016 in a European language may be submitted. The author must ascertain that English-language rights are available from the original publisher and that rights will not be assigned to another publisher while the work is under review for this award.

Deadline

Submissions must be postmarked by **November 1, 2019**.

Submission

Include three copies of your curriculum vitae and a description (1-2 typescript pages) of the manuscript's content, scope, and intended readership.

New Manuscripts Two identical copies of the manuscript must be submitted simultaneously. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Translation candidates One copy of the work in the original language must be submitted together with copies of any published reviews. If possible, submit an introduction or other sample material from the book translated into English.

Definitions

Book-length: 60,000 - 150,000 words.

Eighteenth Century: the “long” 18th Century, from the mid 1600s to 1830.

Under review: that is, the manuscript is not being considered for publication at another press while it is being considered for the Cowen Prize. (Manuscripts under consideration by the University of Virginia Press are eligible.)

Advance publishing contract: this is the standard contract offered when a manuscript has not yet been reviewed by the Press’s Board of Directors. All manuscripts published by the Press must receive Board approval as mandated by the University Press’s charter.

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Notification

Authors will receive an acknowledgment upon receipt of their manuscript. They will be required to sign and return a statement that the manuscript is not under consideration at another press and that the University of Virginia Press will have exclusive review of the manuscript while it is under consideration for the Cowen Prize. Upon receipt of this document, manuscripts will be forwarded to the Judges. In April 2020, all authors will be notified of the results of the competition.

The winning entry

The author of the winning entry for the Cowen Prize will receive a \$5,000 award and will be offered an advance publishing contract. Payment of the award will be made in two installments with the first half paid upon approval of the manuscript by the Press's Board of Directors. The other half of the prize money will be disbursed upon publication. (In the case of a translation, the publisher will make arrangements for the translation in consultation with the author and originating publisher).

Additional details

The University of Virginia Press actively solicits manuscripts in eighteenth-century studies. Thus, an editor will screen all submissions. If the Press is able to pursue your project independent of the contest, you will be notified by January 15, 2020. Eligible manuscripts presently under review with the Press may also be considered for the Cowen Prize.

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Is your manuscript a dissertation? Yes ___ No ___

If so, has it been revised? Yes ___ No ___

Was your manuscript supported by research grants or other funding? Yes ___ No ___ if so, which ones?

Please let us know how you heard about the prize

Journal advertisement? Online advertisement?

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Please be as specific as possible: