



ALPSP Awards – overview

In November 2022, the directors asked the Awards Judging Panel to review the Awards criteria and categories. The aim of the review was to ensure the awards remain fit for purpose, and to consider how we might adapt and expand the awards to better reflect developments within the scholarly publishing community.

As a result of this review, the new ALPSP Impact Award and ALPSP Rising Star Award were introduced in 2023. The criteria for the ALPSP Award for Innovation in Publishing and ALPSP Award for Contribution to Scholarly Publishing were not changed.

ALPSP Award for Innovation in Publishing

Awarded for an innovation in publishing such as a product, service, technology, business model or project which is both innovative and of significant value to scholarly communication.

ALPSP Impact Award

This is designed to recognise initiatives, projects, campaigns or collaborations within scholarly publishing and communication that have had, or have the potential to have a positive impact.

The submission and judging process is similar for both awards. Submissions are invited and a panel of judges convened to review each in detail. The panel draws up a shortlist, who are to make a short presentation to the panel and answer further questions. The panel then decides on the winner(s). Each finalist is invited to take part in a lightning session at the September conference and winner(s) are announced at the Conference Dinner.

The judging panel comprises a range of individuals from across publishing and the library community. The judges review all the submissions individually over a period of 2-3 weeks and then meet virtually (zoom) to agree a shortlist. In the letter of invitation, we explain that they should allow 2 full days to review the submissions, plus the 3 or 4 days for the shortlisting and then calls with the finalists. If a conflict of interests is perceived, the individual concerned steps back from the judging process for that particular submission. Applications are submitted in confidence, with only the statement of innovation or impact being published more widely.

ALPSP Award for Contribution to Scholarly Publishing

This Award recognizes outstanding individuals or organizations who have made a major contribution to scholarly publishing. Each year, ALPSP members are invited to submit nominations which are then reviewed by the ALPSP Board of Directors. The winner (if there is one) is announced at the ALPSP Conference in September.

ALPSP Rising Star Award

This award aims to recognise potential in early career individuals and to give the winner(s) the opportunity to attend the ALPSP Annual Conference in person. In return, the winner(s) are required to write a short review of their experiences of the conference.

The person making the nomination is required to explain in no more than 500 words why they believe the individual concerned should be considered for the Rising Star Award. The nominee will receive an email request to countersign the form agreeing that their name is being put forward. Both the nominee and person making the nomination should work for an ALPSP member organization.

Sponsorship from PLS in 2023 and 2024 has allowed several awards to be made each year.

There is no fee to enter any of the ALPSP Awards. The Rising Star Award is open to ALPSP Members only.