ACLS Open Access Book Prizes

Information Session

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Accelerating Institutional Change

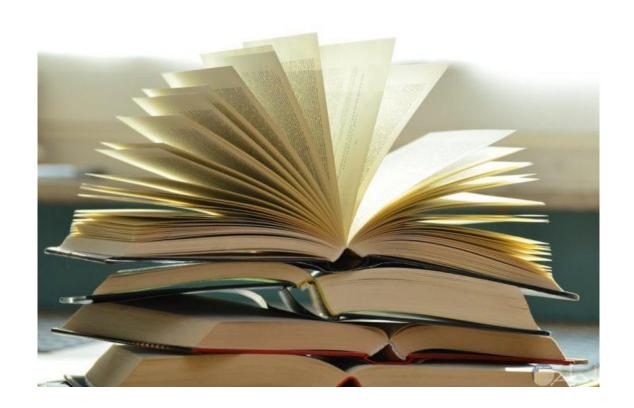acls.org/what-we-do/accelerating-institutional-change/

Amplifying Humanistic Scholarship

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Prize Details

- All entries must be submitted by the publisher.

- Authors may not independently submit entries.

- Publishers may submit entries in two categories, for open access monographs published from 2017 to 2022:

  - **History.** Eligible works include historical examinations of all eras, geographical regions, peoples, and/or cultural developments through any theoretical lens.

  - **Multimodal, born-digital works**. Works that demonstrate effective and innovative use of the online environment in any humanistic discipline are eligible. The multimodal work must contain the entirety of the monograph's text and function as a standalone edition (i.e., not as a companion website to a separate print edition).

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Open Access Monographs

- **All submissions must be peer-reviewed, open access monographs.**

- **Monographs** are defined here as long-form scholarly arguments on a single subject in the humanities or interpretative social sciences. Edited collections, anthologies, critical editions, textbooks, and creative works are not eligible for the prize.

- **Open access** is defined here as a digital work freely available to anyone, anywhere in the world, with internet access. Eligible submissions must be:

  - published simultaneously with any editions made available for sale in either print or e-book formats

  - free of digital rights management

  - distributed on at least two platforms (may include the publisher's and/or author's website)

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Winning Titles

The winning title in each category receives dual awards:

- **ACLS Open Access Book Prize |** $20,000 cash award to the author(s)

- **Arcadia Open Access Publishing Award |** $30,000 grant to the publisher to support new open access titles

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Prize Timeline

- September 1, 2023: Submissions close
- End of 2023: Shortlist in each category announced
- Early 2024: Winners notified
- May 2024: Prize ceremony at ACLS Annual Meeting in Baltimore

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Evaluation Criteria

- **For both categories:**
  - Original and compelling intellectual contribution to the field or discipline
  - Demonstrable impact to the wider scholarly conversation and/or to nonacademic audiences through positive reviews, conventional or social media attention, prizes or other commendations
  - Evidence of good faith efforts by the publisher to make the work widely accessible through inclusive design and technology choices, as well as novel distribution and marketing strategies
- **For multimodal category only:**
  - Innovative and judicious use of digital affordances that serve to advance the work's core argument or narrative
  - Intuitive navigation and seamless integration of text and media components
  - Attention to preservation concerns

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Application Process

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