

# *Breeze & Dobson Award 2021*

**Awarding Body:** Hadrian's Wall Partnership Board

**Coordinating Body:** Archaeological Research Delivery Group (on behalf of the HW Partnership Board)

**Summary:** The Hadrian's Wall Partnership Board invites applications for the 2021 Breeze & Dobson Award. This award seeks to acknowledge the excellent research that is conducted in reference to Hadrian's Wall and the Roman frontier by non-university researchers and early-career academics, and to encourage its publication and dissemination to a wider audience.

The competition for 2021 is open to projects and research completed between 1 Jan 2019 and 31 Dec 2020; eligibility details and how to apply are listed below. (The competition normally runs annually and rewards research completed in the previous year; the eligibility period for 2021 has been extended to take account of the fact the competition did not run in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

## **Eligibility:**

The project must:

- consist of original research,
- have been completed between 1 Jan 2019 and 31 Dec 2020, and
- be focused upon Hadrian's Wall, including the Wall as it fits within the Roman Northern Frontier (broadly defined as the region between the Humber estuary and the Firth of Forth).

Projects from all disciplines are welcome, e.g. Archaeology, History, Landscape Studies, Palaeoecology, Placename Studies, etc. However, the research/project *must* pertain to the Wall and/or frontier zone.

The applicant(s) must be either:

- a student (undergraduate or postgraduate),
- an early career academic (within 5 years of award of PhD),
- a non-university researcher (whether from a professional/contracting unit, local government, or non-professional),
- or a non-professional group submission whose membership encompasses the above, for example a local history society or community archaeology group.

## **Application process:**

Applicants should send the following materials (as either Word documents or PDFs) to [e.cousins@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:e.cousins@lancaster.ac.uk) by 31 July 2021:

- Application form (available for download from the Hadrian's Wall Country Website)
- Summary (max. 500 words) of the project/research, including project title; project aims; project methods; project results; implications of the project/research.

- Written (unpublished) output of the research, if any (e.g. UG dissertation, PhD thesis, grey literature report, etc). If the research has not been written up, applicants may submit an extended summary of up to 1000 words.

A decision will be made by 31 Aug 2021 and all candidate(s) will be notified by early September.

**Judging process:** The Archaeological Research Delivery Group will act as the judging panel for all submissions. Only projects that meet the eligibility requirements will be reviewed by the panel. The winning project will be distinguished by:

- originality of the project/research,
- contribution to the study of Hadrian's Wall and Roman frontiers.

**Winner receives:**

- Invitation to present the project at Hadrian's Wall Archaeological Forum, the main annual conference for presenting new research on the Wall
- Guidance and mentorship from the Archaeological Research Delivery Group for preparing a manuscript for submission to a suitable publication, such as *Archaeologia Aeliana* or *Transactions of the Cumberland & Westmorland Antiquarian & Archaeological Society*,
- Digital certificate of the award.
- Recognition of the research on the Partnership Board's Hadrian's Wall Country website