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**RULES FOR THE AWARD OF FUNDING FOR THE SLS ANNUAL**

**SEMINAR SERIES**

1. The commitment of the Society of Legal Scholars to supporting legal research and scholarship includes the prestigious SLS Annual Seminar Series. The Society makes up to £15,000 available to fund such an annual symposium in each calendar year. Typically this should be a two-day event and involve distinguished international speakers. It is anticipated that the Seminar will involve a maximum of some 60 participants, of whom approx. 40 should be by invitation only along with about 20 open places.
2. Proposals from fully paid-up ordinary members of the Society as at 30th September preceding the closing date for nominations are sought each year by the Hon Secretary in respect of a seminar to be held in the following calendar year.
3. Proposals are adjudicated upon by the Society’s Research Sub-Committee.

 In reaching its decision, the Research Committee will apply the following criteria:

(i) The SLS Seminar Series is intended as one of the flagship events of the Society, reflecting its status as a learned society;

 (ii) The proposed event should concern an important area of legal research and scholarship;

 (iii) The proposed event should involve prestigious speakers and contributors drawn from the ranks of academia, the judiciary, the professions and policy- makers as appropriate;

 (iv) The proposed event should be principally by invitation only, to

 members of the Society and non-members who can make a significant contribution to the Seminar (but see above also);

 (v) The proposed event should lead to a top-quality publication.

 Applications for the Seminar Series should therefore address each of the points above.

 Applications should also set out:

 (vi) Who the proposed participants are and how many have accepted in principle;

 (vii) The proposed venue;

 (viii) The proposed budget including itemised costs (and whether it is proposed to charge participants and, if so, how much);

 (ix) Whether (and if so which) other sources of financial support are being sought;

 (x) Whether it is proposed to run the finances for the event through the host institution or through the Society’s accounts.

 (xi) Who will take responsibility for organising the conference and what

 support will be provided by the host institution;

 (xii) What steps have been taken with a view to securing publication.

1. The Seminar should be clearly badged as (e.g.) the Society of Legal Scholars Seminar 2021.

 The Society’s facilities are available for publicising the event. In the event of the Seminar running at a profit, the Society would expect to receive a share of the surplus (not exceeding its original contribution) to be reinvested in further such events.

 5. The seminars have usually been November events, but this timing is not a requirement.

 It must take place during the calendar year in question. Regard must be had to other conference periods.

 6. It should be noted that the Society also provides more modest support to other academic seminars through the allowance made available to Subject

 Section Convenors and the Small Projects and Events Fund (formerly known

 as the Legal Scholarship Fund).

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