# **Medals and Awards**

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# Gold Medal Recipients

The Gold Medals (Founder's and Patron's Medals) originated as an annual gift of fifty guineas from King William IV. It was awarded for the first time in 1831, for the encouragement and promotion of geographical science and discovery. In 1839 the Society decided that this sum should be converted into two gold medals of equal value, to be designated the Founder's Medal and the Patron's medal. Today both medals are approved by Her Majesty The Queen.

Gold Medal winners are listed in full below:

#### 1832

Founder's Medal - Richard Lander

For important services in determining the course and termination of the Niger

#### 1833

Founder's Medal - John Biscoe

For his discovery of Graham's Land and Enderby's Land in the Antarctic

#### 1834

Founder's Medal - Captain Sir John Ross

For his discovery of Boothia Felix and King William Land and for his famous sojourn of four winters in the Arctic

#### 1835

Founder's Medal - Sir Alexander Burnes

For his remarkable and important journeys through Persia

#### 1836

Founder's Medal - Captain Sir George Back

For his recent discoveries in the Arctic, and his memorable journey down the Great Fish River

#### 1837

Founder's Medal - Captain Robert Fitzroy

For his survey of the coasts of South America, from the Rio de la Plata to Guayaquil in Peru

#### 1838

Founder's Medal - Colonel Francis Rawdon Chesney

For valuable materials in comparative and physical geography in Syria, Mesopotamia and the delta of Susiana

# 1839

Founder's Medal - Thomas Simpson

For tracing the hitherto unexplored coast of North America

Patron's Medal - Dr. Edward Rüppell

For his travels and researches in Nubia, Arabia and Abyssinia

## 1840

Founder's Medal - Major Henry Rawlinson For researches in Persian Guayana

Patron's Medal - Robert H. Schomburgk

For his perseverance and success in exploring the territory and investigating the resources of British Guyana

#### 1841

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant H. Raper

For excellent work on Practical Navigation and Nautical Astronomy

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant John Wood

For his journey to the source of the Oxus and for valuable labours on the Indus

#### 1842

Founder's Medal - Captain Sir James Clark Ross

For his brilliant achievement at the South Pole, to within less than 12° of which he safely navigated his vessels, discovering a great Antarctic continent

Patron's Medal - Rev. Dr. E. Robinson

For his valuable work 'Biblical Researches in Palestine, Mount Sinai and Arabia'

#### 1843

Founder's Medal - Edward John Eyre

For his enterprising and extensive explorations in Australia, under circumstances of peculiar difficulty

Patron's Medal - Lieut. J. F. A. Symonds

For his triangulation over Palestine and for his determination of the difference between the level of the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea

# 1844

Founder's Medal - W. J. Hamilton For valuable researches in Asia Minor

Patron's Medal - Professor Adolph Erman

For important geographical labours in Siberia and Kamstchatka

#### 1845

Founder's Medal - Dr. Charles Beke For his exploration in Abyssinia

Patron's Medal - Professor Carl Ritter

For his important geographical labours

# 1846

Founder's Medal - Count P. E. de Strzelecki

For exploration in the south eastern portion of Australia

Patron's Medal - Professor A. Middendorff

For explorations in Northern and Eastern Siberia

# 1847

Founder's Medal - Captain Charles Sturt

For explorations in Australia, and especially for his journey fixing the limit of Lake Torrens and penetrating into the heart of the continent to lat. 24° 30'S, long. 138° 0'E

Patron's Medal - Dr. Ludwig Leichhardt

For explorations in Australia, especially for his journey from Moreton Bay to Port Essington.

Founder's Medal - Sir James Brooke

For his expedition to Borneo, and the zeal he has shown in promoting geographical discovery

Patron's Medal - Captain Charles Wilkes, USN

For the talent and perseverance he displayed in a voyage in the Antarctic regions ... and for splendid scientific work

#### 1849

Founder's Medal - Austen Henry Layard

For important contributions to Asiatic Geography, interesting researches in Mesopotamia, and for his discovery of the remains of Nineveh

Patron's Medal - Baron Charles von Hugel For his enterprising exploration of Cashmere

#### 1850

Patron's Medal - John Charles Frémont of the U.S. Topographical Engineers For his important geographical labours in the far West of the American Continent

Chronometer Watch presented to - Rev. David Livingstone, the enterprising missionary For his journey to the great lake of Ngami

#### 1851

Founder's Medal - Dr. George Wallin

For his interesting and important travels in Arabia

Patron's Medal - Thomas Brunner

For meritorious labours in exploring the Middle Island of New Zealand

#### 1852

Founder's Medal - Dr. John Rae

For his survey of Boothia undermost severe privations ... and for his very important contributions to the Geography of the Arctic

Patron's Medal - Captain Henry Strachey

For extensive explorations and surveys in Western Tibet

# 1853

Founder's Medal - Francis Gallton

For fitting out and conducting in Expedition to explore the centre of Southern Africa

Patron's Medal - Commander E. A. Inglefield

For his enterprising Survey of the coasts of Baffin Bay, Smith Sound and Lancaster Sound

#### 1854

Founder's Medal - Admiral William Smyth

For his valuable Maritime Surveys in the Mediterranean

Patron's Medal - Captain Robert McClure

For his remarkable exertions ... in navigating his ship through the ice of the Polar Seas, and for his discovery of the North West Passage

# 1855

Founder's Medal - Rev. David Livingstone For his recent explorations in Africa

Patron's Medal - Charles Andersson For travels in South Western Africa

#### 1856

Founder's Medal - Elislia Kent Kane

For services and discoveries in the Polar Regions during the American Expeditions in search of Sir John Franklin

Patron's Medal - Heinrich Barth

For his extensive explorations in Central Africa, his excursions about Lake Chad and his perilous journey to Timbuctu

#### 1857

Founder's Medal - Augustus C. Gregory

For extensive and important explorations in Western and Northern Australia

Patron's Medal - Colonel Andrew Scott Waugh

For geodetical operations, as remarkable for their extent as for their accuracy, whereby [India] has been covered by triangulation

## 1858

Founder's Medal - Captain Richard Collison For discoveries in the Arctic Regions

Patron's Medal - Professor Alexander Bache For extensive and accurate surveys of America

## 1859

Founder's Medal - Captain Richard F. Burton

For his various exploratory enterprises, and especially for his perilous expedition with Captain. J. H. Speke to the great lakes in Eastern Africa

Patron's Medal - Captain John Palliser for the valuable results of his explorations in the Rocky mountains of North America

# 1860

Founder's Medal - Lady Franklin

For self-sacrificing perseverance in sending out expeditions to ascertain the fate of her husband

Patron's Medal - Captain Sir F. L. McClintock

For the skill and fortitude displayed by him and his companion in their search for records of the lost [Franklin] expedition and for valuable coast surveys

## 1861

Founder's Medal - Captain John Hanning Speke

For his eminent geographical discoveries in Africa, and especially his discovery of the great lake Victoria Nyanza

Patron's Medal - John McDouall Stuart

For very remarkable explorations in the interior of Australia

#### 1862

Founder's Medal - Richard O'Hara Burke

In remembrance of that gallant explorer who with his companion Wills, perished after having traversed the continent of Australia

Patron's Medal - Captain Thomas Blakiston

For his survey of the Yang-tsze-Kiang

#### 1863

Founder's Medal - Frank T. Gregory

For successful explorations in Western Australia

Patron's Medal - John Arrowsmith

For the very important services (in cartography) he has rendered to geographical science

## 1864

Founder's Medal - Captain J. A. Grant

For his journey across Eastern Equatorial Africa with Captain Speke

Patron's Medal - Baron C. von der Decken

For his Geographical Surveys of the lofty mountains of Kilimandjaro

#### 1865

Founder's Medal - Captain T. G. Montgomerie

For his great trigonometrical journey from the plains of the Punjab to the Karakoram Range

Patron's Medal - Samuel Baker

For his vigorous explorations in the interior of Africa

#### 1866

Founder's Medal - Dr. Thomas Thomson

For his researches in the Western Himalayas and Thibet

Patron's Medal - W. Chandless

For his Survey of the River Purus [South America]

#### 1867

Founder's Medal - Admiral Alexis Boutakoff

For being first to launch and navigate ships in the Sea of Aral ... and for his survey of the mouths of the Oxus

Patron's Medal - Dr. Isaac Hayes

For his expedition towards the open Polar Sea

# 1868

Founder's Medal - Dr. Augustus Petermann

For his important services as a Writer and Cartographer

Patron's Medal - Gerhard Rohlfs

For his extensive travels in the interior of Northern Africa ... and especially for his traverse of the continent from Tripoli to Lagos

#### 1869

Founder's Medal - Professor A. E. Nordenskiöld

For designing and carrying out the Swedish expeditions to Spitzbergen ... whereby great additions have been made to our acquitance with zoology, botany, geology and meteorology

Patron's Medal - Mrs. Mary Somerville

Who throughout her very long life has been eminently distinguished by her proficiency in those branches of science which form the basis of Physical Geography

#### 1870

Founder's Medal - George W. Hayward

For his journey into Eastern Turkistan, and for reaching the Pamir Steppe

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant Francis Garnier

For his extensive surveys ... from Cambodia to the Yatig-tsze-Kiang ... and for bringing his expedition to safety after the death of his chief

### 1871

Founder's Medal - Sir Roderick Murchison

Who for 40 years watched over the Society with more than paternal solicitude, and has at length placed it among the foremost of our scientific Societies

Patron's Medal - A. Keith Johnson

For distinguished services in the promotion of Physical Geography

#### 1872

Founder's Medal - Colonel Henry Yule For eminent services to Geography

Patron's Medal - Robert B. Shaw

For journeys in Eastern Turkistan, and for his extensive astronomical and hypsometrical observations

#### 1873

Founder's Medal - Ney Elias

For his enterprise and ability in surveying the course of the Yellow River, and for his journey through Western Mongolia

Patron's Medal - Henry Morton Stanley

For his Relief of Livingstone, and for bringing his valuable journal and papers to England

## 1874

Founder's Medal - Dr. Georg Schweinfurth

For his explorations in Africa

Patron's Medal - Colonel P. Egerton Warburton

For his successful journey across the previously unknown western interior of Australia

#### 1875

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant Karl Weyprecht

For his enterprise and ability in command of expeditions to Spitzbergen and Nova Zembla

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant Julius Payer

For explorations and discoveries in the Arctic regions

## 1876

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant Verney Lovett Cameron

For his journey across Africa from Zanzibar to Benguela, and his survey of Lake Tanganyika

Patron's Medal - John Forrest

For his numerous successful explorations in Western Australia

#### 1877

Founder's Medal - Captain Sir George Nares

For having commanded the Arctic Expedition of 1875/6, during which ships and sledge parties reached a higher Northern latitude than had previously been attained

Patron's Medal - The Pundit Nain Singh

For his great journeys and surveys in Tibet and along the Upper Brahmaputra, during which he determined the position of Lhasa and added largely to our knowledge of the map of Asia

#### 1878

Founder's Medal - Baron F. von Richthofen

For his extensive travels and scientific explorations in China

Patron's Medal - Captain Henry Trotter

For services to Geography which resulted in the connection of the Trigonometrical Survey of India with Russian Surveys from Siberia

#### 1879

Founder's Medal - Colonel N. Prejevalsky

For successive expeditions and route-surveys in Mongolia and the high plateau of Northern Tibet

Patron's Medal - Captain N. V. J. Gill

For important work along the Northern frontier of Persia

# 1880

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant A. Louis Palander

For his services in connection with the Swedish Arctic Expeditions in the Vega

Patron's Medal - Ernest Giles

For his explorations and surveys in Australia

#### 1881

Founder's Medal - Major Serpa Pinto

For his journey across Africa ... during which he explored 500 miles of new country

Patron's Medal - Benjamin Leigh Smith

For important discoveries along the coast of Franz-Josef Land

#### 1882

Founder's Medal - Dr. Gustav Nachtigal

For his journeys through the Eastern Sahara

Patron's Medal - Sir John Kirk

For unremitting services to Geography, as a naturalist, as second-in-command to Dr. Livingstone, and as H.M. Consul-General at Zanzibar

# 1883

Founder's Medal - Sir Joseph Hooker

For eminent services to scientific Geography

Patron's Medal - E. Colborne Baber

For scientific works during his many exploratory journeys in the interior of China

#### 1884

Founder's Medal - A. R. Colquhoun

For his journey from Canton to the Irrawadi

Patron's Medal - Dr. Julius von Haast

For his extensive explorations in the Southern Island of New Zealand

Founder's Medal - Joseph Thomson

For his zeal, promptitude and success during two expeditions into East Central Africa

Patron's Medal - H. E. O'Neill

For his 13 journeys of exploration along the coast and into the interior of Mozambique

#### 1886

Founder's Medal - Major A. W. Greely

For having so considerably added to our knowledge of the shores of the Polar Sea and the interior of Grinnell Land

Patron's Medal - Guido Cora

For important services as a writer and cartographer

#### 1887

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant-Colonel T. H. Holdich

For zeal and devotion in carrying out surveys of Afghanistan

Patron's Medal - Rev. G. Grenfell

For extensive explorations in the Cameroons and Congo

#### 1888

Founder's Medal - Clements R. Markham

In acknowledgment or the value or his numerous contributions to geographical literature ... on his retirement from the Secretaryship of the Society after 25 years' service

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant H. Wissmann

In recognition of his great achievements as an explorer in Central Africa

## 1889

Founder's Medal - A. D. Carey

For his remarkable journey in Central Asia during which he travelled 4750 miles through regions never visited by an Englishman

Patron's Medal - Dr. G. Radde

For a life devoted to the promotion of Scientific Geography

## 1890

Founder's Medal - Emin Pasha

For the great services he rendered to Geography during his twelve years' administration of the Equatorial Province of Egypt

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant F. E. Younghusband

For his journey from Machuria and Pekin to Kashmir, and especially for his route-surveys and topographical notes

#### 1891

Founder's Medal - Sir James Hector

For investigations pursued as Naturalist to the Palliser expedition

Patron's Medal - Dr. Fridtjof Nansen

For having been first to cross the inland ice of Greenland ... as well as for his qualities as a scientific geographer

#### 1892

Founder's Medal - Alfred Russel Wallace

The well-known naturalist and traveller and co-discoverer with Charles Darwin of the theory of natural selection, in recognition of the high geographical value of his great works

Patron's Medal - Edward Whymper

For his route-map and detailed survey among the Great Andes of the Equator

#### 1893

Founder's Medal - Frederick Selous

In recognition of twenty years' exploration and surveys in South Africa

Patron's Medal - W. Woodville Rockill

For his travels and explorations in Western China and Tibet

#### 1894

Founder's Medal - Captain H. Bower

For his remarkable journey across Tibet, from west to east

Patron's Medal - Elisée Reclus

For eminent services rendered to Geography as the author of Nouvelle Géographie Univerelle

#### 1895

Founder's Medal - Dr. John Murray

For services to physical Geography, especially oceanography, and for his work on board the Challenger

Patron's Medal - The Hon. George Curzon

For travels and researches in Persia, French Indo-China, the Hindu Kush, and Pamirs

#### 1896

Founder's Medal - Sir William MacGregor

For services to Geography in British New Guinea, in exploring, mapping and giving information on the natives

Patron's Medal - St. George Littledale

For important journeys in the Pamirs and Central Asia

# 1897

Founder's Medal - P. Semenoff

For his long-continued efforts in promoting Russian exploration in Central Asia

Patron's Medal - Dr George M. Dawson

For exploration in the North West Territories and Alaska

# 1898

Founder's Medal - Dr Sven Hedin

For important exploring work in Central Asia

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant R. E. Peary, USN

For explorations in Northern Greenland, and especially for discovering the northern termination of the Greenland ice

## 1899

Founder's Medal - Captain G. L. Binger

For valuable work within the great bend of the Niger

Patron's Medal - Fernand Foureau

For continuous exploration in the Sahara

# 1900

Founder's Medal - Captain H. H. P. Deasy For exploring and survey work in Central Asia

Patron's Medal - James McCarthy

For great services to geographical science in exploring and mapping all parts of the kingdom of Siam

## 1901

Founder's Medal - HRH The Duke of the Abruzzi

For his journey to the summit of Mount St. Elias, and for his Arctic voyage in the Stella Polare

Patron's Medal - Dr. Donaldson Smith

For memorable journey across the unknown parts of Lake Rudolf and the Omo

#### 1902

Founder's Medal - General Sir Frederick Lugard

For persistent attention to African Geography

Patron's Medal - Major Molesworth Sykes

For journeys in Persia and for the support given by him to native explorers

#### 1903

Founder's Medal - Douglas Freshfield

In recognition of his valuable contributions to our knowledge of the Caucasus

Patron's Medal - Captain Otto Sverdrup

For important discoveries in Jones Sound and for the important part he played as captain of the Fram during Dr. Nansen's famous expedition

#### 1904

Founder's Medal - Sir Harry Johnston

For his many valuable services towards the exploration of Africa

Patron's Medal - Commander Robert Scott

For services as leader or the National Antarctic Expedition, and for his great sledge journey to 82º 17'S

#### 1905

Founder's Medal - Sir Martin Conway

For explorations in the mountain regions of Spitsbergen

Patron's Medal - Captain C. H. D. Ryder

For his survey of Yunnan and his work in connection with the Tibet Mission

## 1906

Founder's Medal - Alfred Grandidier

The veteran French savant who for forty years has devoted himself to the exploration of Madagascar, and for his monumental work on the island in 52 large quarto volumes

Patron's Medal - Dr. Robert Bell

Who during forty-five years of field work has mapped an immense area of Canada previously unknown

# 1907

Founder's Medal - Dr. Francisco Moreno

For extensive explorations in the Patagonian Andes

Patron's Medal - Captain Roald Amundsen

For his daring voyage for the purposes of research in the region of the North Magnetic Pole, and for his first accomplishment by any vessel of the famous North-West Passage

Founder's Medal - Lieutenant Boyd Alexander

For his three years' journey across Africa from the Niger to the Nile

Patron's Medal - HSH The Prince of Monaco

For oceanographical studies off the coast of Spitsbergen

#### 1909

Founder's Medal - Dr. M. A. Stein

For his extensive explorations in Central Asia, and in particular his archaeological work

Patron's Medal - Colonel M. G. Talbot

For the large amount of excellent survey work done by him on the Afghan frontier and in the Sudan

#### 1910

Founder's Medal - Colonel H. H. Godwin-Austen

For geographical discoveries and surveys along the North-eastern frontier of India, especially his pioneer exploring in the Karakoram

Patron's Medal - Dr. William Spiers Bruce

For explorations in the Arctic and Antarctic

# 1911

Founder's Medal - Colonel P. K. Kozioff

For explorations in the Gobi desert, Northern Tibet and Mongolia

Patron's Medal - Dr. J. B. Charcot

For his important expeditions to the Antarctic, during which he conducted investigations of high scientific value in geology, meteorology, magnetic conditions and biology

#### 1912

Founder's Medal - Charles M. Doughty

For his remarkable exploration in Northern Arabia, and for his classic work in which the results were described

Patron's Medal - Douglas Carruthers

For important expeditions to Ruwenzori, Turkestan, Arabia and Mongolia

# 1913

The Founder's Medal was not awarded, but an inscribed casket was presented to Lady Scott containing the Patron's Medal and the Special Antarctic Medal awarded to her late husband.

Patron's Medal - The late Dr. E. A. Wilson

For his excellent work in the study of the zoology of the Antarctic ... and for his skill as an artist

# 1914

Founder's Medal - Professor Albrecht Penck

For his advancement of almost every branch of scientific geography, and in particular his idea of an International map of the world on the millionth scale

Patron's Medal - Dr. Hamilton Rice

For his meritorious work on the head waters of the Orinoco and the Northern tributaries of the Amazon

#### 1915

Founder's Medal - Sir Douglas Mawson

For his conduct of the Australian Antarctic Expedition which achieved highly important scientific results

Patron's Medal - Dr. Filippo de Filippi

For his great expedition to the Karakoram and Eastern Turkestan

#### 1916

Founder's Medal - Colonel P. H. Fawcett

For his contributions to the mapping of South America

Patron's Medal - Captain F. M. Bailey

For explorations on the border of India and Tibet ... and especially for tracing the course of the Tsang-po-Brahmaputra

#### 1917

Founder's Medal - Commander D. G. Howarth

For explorations in Asiatic Turkey

Patron's Medal - Brigadier-General C. G Rawling

For explorations in Western Tibet and New Guinea

#### 1918

Founder's Medal - Gertrude Bell

For her important explorations and travels in Asia Minor, Syria, Arabia and on the Euphrates

Patron's Medal - Commandant J. Tilho

For his long-continued surveys and explorations in Northern Africa

#### 1919

Founder's Medal - Colonel E. M. Jack

For his geographical work on the Western Front

Patron's Medal - Professor William Davis

For his eminence in the development of Physical Geography

## 1920

Founder's Medal - H. St. John B. Philby

For his two journeys in South Central Árabia

Patron's Medal - Professor Jovan Cvijic

For his distinguished studies of the geography of the Baltic Peninsula

#### 1921

Founder's Medal - Vilhjalmur Stefansson

For his distinguished services in the exploration of the Arctic Ocean

Patron's Medal - General R. Bourgeois

For his long and eminent services to Geography and Geodesy

# 1922

Founder's Medal - Colonel C. K. Howard-Bury

For his distinguished services in command of the Mount Everest Expedition

Patron's Medal - E. de Kovan Leffingwell

For surveys and investigations on the coast of Northern Alaska

# 1923

Founder's Medal - Dr. Knud Rasmussen

For exploration and research in the Arctic regions

Patron's Medal - The Hon. Miles Cater Smith For explorations in the unknown interior of Papua

#### 1924

Founder's Medal - Ahmed Hassanein Bey For his journey to Kutara and Darfur

Patron's Medal - Commander Frank Wild For his long services to Antarctic exploration.

#### 1925

Founder's Medal - Brigadier-General C. G. Bruce

For lifelong geographical work in the exploration of the Himalaya ... and his leadership of the Mount Everest Expedition of 1922

Patron's Medal - A. F. R. Wollaston

For his journeys in Central Africa and Dutch New Guinea

#### 1926

Founder's Medal - Colonel E. F. Norton

For his distinguished leadership of the Mount Everest Expedition, 1924, and his ascent to 28,100 feet

Patron's Medal - Sir Edgeworth David

For his work on the Funafuti atoll and for his leadership of the first ascent of Mount Erebus

#### 1927

Founder's Medal - Major Kenneth Mason

For his connection between the of surveys of India and Russian Turkestan, and his leadership of the Shakshagam Expedition

Patron's Medal - Dr. Lauge Kock

For his very remarkable six years' exploration of Northern Greenland

#### 1928

Founder's Medal - Dr. Tom Longstaff

For long-continued geographical work in the Himalaya

Patron's Medal - Captain G. H. Wilkins

For his many years' systematic work in Polar Regions, culminating in his remarkable flight from Point Barrow to Spitsbergen

## 1929

Founder's Medal - Francis Rennell Rodd

For his journeys in the Sahara and his studies of the Tuareg people

Patron's Medal - C. H. Karius

For his crossing in Papua from the Fly River to the Sepik

#### 1930

Founder's Medal - F. Kingdon-Ward

For geographical exploration, and work on botanical distribution in China and Tibet

Patron's Medal - Carsten E. Borchgrevink

For his pioneer Antarctic Expedition, which was first to winter in the Antarctic, to travel on the Ross Barrier and to obtain proof of its recession

Founder's Medal - Bertram Thomas

For geographical work in Arabia and his successful crossing of the Rub al Khali

Patron's Medal - Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, USN: "for his expedition to the Antarctic ... and for his flights over both North and South Poles".

#### 1932

Founder's Medal - Henry George Watkins

For his work in the Arctic Regions, especially as leader of the British Arctic Air Route Expedition

Patron's Medal - HRH The Duke of Spoleto

For work in the Himalaya

#### 1933

Founder's Medal - J. M. Wordie For work in Polar explorations

Patron's Medal - Professor Erich von Drygalski

For researches in glaciology in the Arctic and Antarctic

# 1934

Founder's Medal - Hugh Ruttledge

For his journeys in the Himalayas and his leadership of the Mount Everest Expedition, 1933

Patron's Medal - Captain Ejnar Mikkelsen

For exploration in the Arctic and his work in Eskimo resettlement in Greenland

## 1935

Founder's Medal - Major R. A. Bagnold

For journeys in the Libyan Desert

Patron's Medal - W. Rickmer Rickmers

For long-continued travels in the Caucasus, culminating in his leadership of the Alai-Pamir Russo-German Expedition in 1928

# 1936

Founder's Medal - G. W. Murray

For explorations and surveys in the deserts of Sinai and Eastern Egypt, and his studies of the Badawin tribes

Patron's Medal - Major R. E. Cheesman

For explorations and surveys of the Blue Nile and Lake Tana

# 1937

Founder's Medal - Colonel C. G. Lewis

For surveys in Iraq, Syria and the Irrawaddy Delta, and for his work on the Afghan and Turco-Iraq Boundary Commissions

Patron's Medal - Lincoln Ellsworth

For his work in developing the technique of aerial navigation in the Polar regions, culminating in his successful flight across the Antarctic

# 1938

Founder's Medal - John Rymill

For the valuable scientific work of his British Grahamland Expedition

Patron's Medal - Eric Shipton

For his most distinguished record of mountain climbing

## 1939

Founder's Medal - Arthur M. Champion

For his surveys of the Turkana Province (Kenya) and the volcanoes south of lake Rudolf

Patron's Medal - Professor Hans Ahlmann

For exploration and glaciological studies in the Arctic

#### 1940

Founder's Medal - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ingrams

For exploration and studies in the Hadhramaut

Patron's Medal - Lieutenant Alexander Glen

For his expeditions in Spitsbergen and North east Land

#### 1941

Founder's Medal - Captain P. A. Clayton

For his surveys in the Libyan desert, and his application of his experience to desert warfare.

Patron's Medal - Dr. Isaiah Bowman

For his travels in South America and for his great services to the science of Geography

#### 1942

Founder's Medal - Freya Stark

For her travels in the East and her account of them

Patron's Medal - Owen Lattimore

For his travels and studies in Central Asia

#### 1943

No medals awarded.

# 1944

No medals awarded.

# 1945

Founder's Medal - Dr. Charles Camsell

For his contributions to the geology of the North

Patron's Medal - Sir Halford Mackinder

For his long and distinguished service in the advancement of the science of Geography

# 1946

Founder's Medal - Brigadier Edward A. Glennie

For his work on geodesy in India and his contributions to mapping in the Far East

Patron's Medal - Inspector Henry A. Larsen, RCMP

For his achievement of the North West Passage from both west to east and east to west

#### 1947

Founder's Medal - Brigadier M. Hotine

For research work in Air Survey ... and for his cartographic work

Patron's Medal - Colonel Daniel van der Meulen

For exploratory journeys in the Hadhramaut, and his contributions to the geography of Southern Arabia

#### 1948

Founder's Medal - Wilfred Thesiger

For contributions to the Geography of Southern Arabia and for his crossing of the Rub al Khali desert

Patron's Medal - Thomas H. Manning

For exploration and survey work in the Arctic

#### 1949

Founder's Medal - Professor L. Dudley Stamp

For his work in organising the Land Utilisation Survey of Great Britain and his application of Geography to National planning

Patron's Medal - Professor Hans Pettersson

For his leadership of the recent oceanographical cruise in the Albatross

#### 1950

Founder's Medal - George F. Walpole

For contributions to the mapping of the Western Desert of Egypt

Patron's Medal - Professor Harald Sverdrup

For contributions to polar exploration and for oceanographic investigations

#### 1951

Founder's Medal - Dr. Vivian E. Fuchs

For his contributions to Antarctic exploration and his research as leader of the survey 1948-50

Patron's Medal - Dr. Donald Thomson

For geographical exploration and studies in Arnhem land

# 1952

Founder's Medal - H. W. Tilman

For exploratory work among the mountains of East Africa and Central Asia

Patron's Medal - Paul-Emile Victor

For contributions to Polar exploration and for his geophysical investigations of the Greenland Icecap

#### 1953

Founder's Medal - P. D. Baird

For explorations in the Canadian Arctic

Patron's Medal - Count Eigil Knuth

For exploration in Northern Greenland ... and for his contributions to Eskimo archaeology

# 1954

Founder's Medal - Brigadier Sir John Hunt

Leader of the British Mount Everest Expedition

Patron's Medal - Dr. N. A. Mackintosh

For research and exploration in the Southern Ocean

# 1955

Founder's Medal - Dr. John K. Wright

For services in the development of geographical research and exploration

Patron's Medal - Commander C. J. W. Simpson Leader of the British Expedition to North Greenland

#### 1956

Founder's Medal - John Giaever

Leader of the Norwegian-British-Swedish Antarctic Expedition, for contributions to Polar exploration

Patron's Medal - Charles Evans

For contributions to Himalayan exploration

#### 1957

Founder's Medal - Professor Ardito Desio

For geographical exploration and surveys in the Himalayas

Patron's Medal - Sir George Binney

For contributions to Arctic exploration ... the pioneer use of the air survey technique ... and to the development of the university exploring expedition

### 1958

Founder's Medal - Dr. Paul A. Siple

For contributions to Antarctic exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Sir Edmund Hillary

For Antarctic and Himalayan exploration

#### 1959

Founder's Medal - Commander W. R. Anderson, USN

For the first trans-Polar submarine voyage in command of USS Nautilus

Patron's Medal - Sir Raymond Priestly

For services to Antarctic exploration

## 1960

Founder's Medal - Phillip G. Law

For Antarctic exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Professor Theodore Monod

For geographical exploration and research in the Sahara

# 1961

Founder's Medal - Dr. Mikhail M. Somov

For Antarctic exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Dr. John Bartholomew

Editor 'The Times Atlas of the World', for contributions to cartography

# 1962

Founder's Medal - Captain Erwin McDonald, USN

For coastal explorations in the Bellingshausen Sea (Antarctica)

Patron's Medal - Tom Harrison

Government Ethnologist and Curator Sarawak Museum, for explorations in Central Borneo

# 1963

Founder's Medal - Captaine Jacques-Yves Cousteau

For underwater exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Dr. Albert P. Crary For Antarctic research and exploration

#### 1964

Founder's Medal - Dr. L. S. H. Leakey For palaeographical exploration and discoveries in East Africa

Patron's Medal - Dr. Thor Heyerdahl For geographical explorations in the South Pacific Ocean

#### 1965

Founder's Medal - Dr. E. F. Rootes For Polar exploration and research, with special reference to the Canadian Arctic

Patron's Medal - Professor Lester C. King For geomorphological exploration in the Southern Hemisphere

#### 1966

Founder's Medal - Professor E. J. H. Corner For botanical exploration in North Borneo and the Solomon Islands

Patron's Medal - Dr. G. Hattersley-Smith For glaciological investigations in the Canadian Arctic

#### 1967

Founder's Medal - Claudio and Orlando Vilas Boas For contributions to exploration and development in the Mato Grosso

Patron's Medal - Professor Eduard Imhof For contributions to cartography

## 1968

Founder's Medal - Dr. W. Brian Harland For Arctic exploration and research

Patron's Medal - Professor Augusto Gansser For geological exploration and mapping in the Himalaya

#### 1969

Founder's Medal - Rear Admiral Rodolfo N. M. Panzarini For services to Antarctic exploration and research and to international co-operation in Antarctic science

Patron's Medal - Drs. R. Thorsteinsson and E. T. Tozer For contributions to exploration and economic development in the Canadian Arctic

## 1970

Founder's Medal - Walter William Herbert For Arctic and Antarctic exploration and surveys

Patron's Medal - Dr. Haroun Tazieff For volcanological research and exploration

# 1971

Founder's Medal - Sir George Deacon For oceanographical research and exploration

Patron's Medal - Dr. Charles Swithinbank For glaciological research and exploration

#### 1972

Founder's Medal - Rear Admiral G. S. Ritchie For hydrographical charting and oceanographical exploration

Patron's Medal - Dr. M. D. Gwynne Leader, the RGS's South Turkana (Kenya] Expedition

#### 1973

Founder's Medal - N. L. Falcon

Leader, the RGS's Musandam [North Oman] Expedition. For contributions to the geographical history of the Persian Gulf region

Patron's Medal - Professor E. H. Thompson Professor of photogrammetry and surveying, University College London

#### 1974

Founder's Medal - Christian J. S. Bonington For mountain explorations

Patron's Medal - Gordon de Q. Robin For polar research and exploration

#### 1975

Founder's Medal - Sir Laurence Kirwan

For contributions to the geographical history of the Nubian Nile valley and Eastern Africa, and for services to exploration

Patron's Medal - Dr. J. P. Kuettner

For explorations of the Earth's atmosphere and oceans

#### 1976

Founder's Medal - Dr. Brian B. Roberts

For Polar exploration, and for contributions to Antarctic research and political negotiation

Patron's Medal - Rear Admiral Sir Edmund Irving

For services as Hydrographer of the Navy and for his encouragement of exploration

# 1977

Founder's Medal - Professor Michael Wise

For economic Geography, and for his contributions to international understanding in geographical teaching

Patron's Medal - Professor Kenneth Hare For discoveries in Arctic Geography

#### 1978

Founder's Medal - Major-General R. Brown For services to the science of map-making

Patron's Medal - Professor Miezyslaw Klirnaszewski

For his contributions to geomorphology and international understanding in Geography

Founder's Medal - Dr. David Stoddart

For contributions to geomorphology, the study of coral reefs and the history of academic Geography

Patron's Medal - Robin Hanbury-Tenison

For leadership of scientific expeditions, including the Mulu Expedition, and for his work on behalf of primitive peoples

#### 1980

Founder's Medal - Professor William R Mead Patron's Medal - Professor Preston James

#### 1981

Founder's Medal - Professor Keith J Miller Patron's Medal - Professor Valter Schytt

#### 1982

Founder's Medal - Mr Michael Ward FRCS Patron's Medal - Mr Douglas Warren CMG

#### 1983

Founder's Medal - Sir Peter Scott CBE DSC Patron's Medal - Commander John Young NASA

#### 1984

Founder's Medal - Sir Ranulph Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes Bt Patron's Medal - Professor Pierre Gourou

## 1985

Founder's Medal - Mr David Attenborough CBE FRS Patron's Medal - Walter Smith CB OBE

# 1986

Founder's Medal - Mr Timothy Severin Patron's Medal - Professor Peter Haggett

#### 1987

Founder's Medal - Dr Anthony Laughton FRS Patron's Medal - Professor Richard J Chorley

## 1988

Founder's Medal - Professor Peter Hall FBA Patron's Medal - Mr Nigel de N Winser

## 1989

Founder's Medal - Dr Monica Kristensen Patron's Medal - Professor Keith Clayton CBE

# 1990

Founder's Medal - Dr John Hemming Patron's Medal - Dr Richard Leakey

## 1991

Founder's Medal - Professor Andrew Goudie Patron's Medal - Dr Helge and Dr Anne Stine Ingstad

Founder's Medal - Professor Alan Wilson Patron's Medal - Dr Martin Holdgate CB

#### 1993

Founder's Medal - Professor Kenneth Gregory Patron's Medal - Colonel John Blashford-Snell MBE

#### 1994

Founder's Medal - Professor Ronald Cooke Patron's Medal - Professor Ghillean Prance FRS

#### 1995

Founder's Medal - The Earl of Cranbrook Patron's Medal - Professor David Harvey

#### 1996

Founder's Medal - Professor John Woods CBE Patron's Medal - Professor John Thornes

#### 1997

Founder's Medal - Professor Sir Tony Wrigley Patron's Medal - Professor David Rhind

#### 1998

Founder's Medal - Professor Robert Bennett Patron's Medal - Dr David Drewry

## 1999

Founder's Medal - Professor Mike Kirkby

For contributions to the development of processed-based and modelling approaches in geomorphology

Patron's Medal - Doug Scott, CBE

For contributions to mountaineering and the knowledge of mountain regions

# 2000

Founder's Medal - Professor Brian Robson

For contributions to urban geography and geographical perspectives to urban policy

Patron's Medal - Sir Crispin Tickell GCMG KCVO

For contributions to promoting the understanding of global environmental issues in governmental and wider public arena

## 2001

Founder's Medal - Professor William Graf

For contributions to research on dryland river processes, and the interactions of science and public policy

Patron's Medal - Reinhold Messner

For contributions to mountaineering and mountain regions

### 2002

Founder's Medal - Bruno Messerli

For contributions to mountain research and the public awareness of mountain issues

Patron's Medal - Dr David Keeble

For advancing knowledge in economic and industrial geography'

Founder's Medal - Professor Mike Goodchild

For contributions to geographical information science

Patron's Medal - Harish Kapadia

For contributions to geographical discovery and mountaineering in the Himalayas

#### 2004

Founder's Medal - Professor Leszek Starkel

For advancing international understanding of palaeohydrology and geomorphology

Patron's Medal - Sydney Possuelo

For contributions to Brazilian people's rights and explorations in Amazonia

#### 2005

Founder's Medal - Professor Sir Nicholas Shackleton

For research on Quaternary palaeoclimatology

Patron's Medal - Professor Jean Malaurie

For a lifelong study of the Arctic and its peoples

#### 2006

Founder's Medal - Professor Derek Gregory

For international leadership of research in human geography and social theory

Patron's Medal - Professor Jack Ives

For his role internationally in establishing the global importance of mountain regions

# 2007

Founder's Medal - Professor Roger Barry

For international leadership of research on climate and climate change

Patron's Medal - Professor Paul Curran

For international development of geographical science through remote sensing and earth observation

## 2008

Founder's Medal - Professor Julian Dowdeswell

For the encouragement, development and promotion of glaciology

Patron's Medal - Professor Jesse Walker

For the encouragement, development and promotion of coastal geomorphology

# 2009

Founder's Medal - Dr Alan Baker

For contributions to historical geography

Patron's Medal - Professor Lord Nicholas Stern

For contributions to climate change policy

# 2010

Founder's Medal – Professor Diana Liverman

For encouraging, developing and promoting understanding of the human dimensions of climate change

Patron's Medal - Jack Dangermond

For promoting geographical science through the development of Geographical Information Systems

# 2011

Founder's Medal – Professor David Livingstone OBE For the encouragement and promotion of historical geography

Patron's Medal – Dr Sylvia Earle For the encouragement, development and promotion of ocean science and exploration