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Adams Prize

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The Adams Prize is a prize awarded by the University of Cambridge to a young mathematician working in the United Kingdom. Like the Fields Medal, age 40 is the specific cutoff for this prize.

These prizes were instituted in honor of the British mathematician John Couch Adams in 1850, soon after he discovered Neptune. Each year the prize committee chooses a specific field of mathematics and awards the prize to a mathematician working in that field.