

## **BAUS Medical Student Essay Competition 2018 - Guidance Notes**

**Closing Date :** Monday 9 April 2018 at 10.00 am (BST)

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***All submitted essays will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive an email, please ensure you contact the BAUS Office (020 7869 6953) to check it has been received. It is your responsibility to confirm your entry has been received.***

### **Prize**

The author of the best essay from each medical school will receive a prize certificate and their essay will be entered into the national phase of the competition.

The prize for winner of the national competition will be £750 and a prize for the runner up in the national competition will be £500. The national competition winner and runner up will be presented with their certificates at the BAUS 2018 Annual Conference at the ACC Liverpool (25-27 June 2018). BAUS will offer guest registration for the day of the presentations (to be advised).

### **Entry Criteria**

To enter the competition, authors must be medical students enrolled in a medical school located in either England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland at the closing date – see above. Students attending a medical school in overseas countries will not be eligible to submit an entry.

### **Guidance**

- Word limit: 1500 words (maximum) excluding title, abstract (no more than 200 words) and references. The word count includes in-text citations and figure captions.
- Essays should include an abstract/summary (no more than 200 words) – see above
- Any references should be in the Harvard style; there is no limit on the number of references
- All text must be in Arial font, size 11 and double spaced
- Diagrams and tables are acceptable but should not number greater than 5 in total
- The essay should preferably be divided into appropriately headed subsections and include a concluding paragraph
- Only one essay per student can be submitted
- The essay must be the work of one individual student – co-authoring is not permitted
- All essays must be submitted in Word format, (not pdf). Please save your essay in the form 'Surname.doc' (eg Smith.doc).