

Submissions are invited for a new annual award, the 'James Trussell Essay Prize', jointly sponsored by the British Society of Abortion Care Providers (BSACP) and bpas (British Pregnancy Advisory Service).

The 'James Trussell Essay Prize' (value £150.00) will be awarded to the author of an essay on a relevant topic. The essay theme for the inaugural award is 'Removing Barriers to Safe Abortion'. This award is specifically aimed at trainees/students (including undergraduates/postgraduates in medicine, allied healthcare professions, social sciences, etc.), and it recognises the contribution made to this field by the late Professor James Trussell (1949–2018), eminent scientist and advocate for women's sexual and reproductive rights.

Essay Criteria

- Awarded for a single-author essay on the theme of 'Removing Barriers to Safe Abortion'.
- Submissions are especially encouraged from trainees/students (including undergraduates/postgraduates in medicine, allied healthcare professions, social sciences, etc.).

Entries should be submitted in the following format:

- The submission should be written in an essay style rather than being a formal scientific paper.
- The word count (to be stated at the end of the manuscript) should not exceed 2000 words.
- In addition one (small) table and/or figure may be included.
- In addition there may be a maximum of 15 references.
- Text (in English) to be in double line spacing in Word format.
- A separate title page should include author details (including job title, work affiliation and contact e-mail address), with no details of the author's name identifiable within the essay itself.
- Any patient data used/referred to must be unidentifiable and anonymous.

Essay Submission/Closing Date

Essays should be submitted in electronic format only to admin@bsacp.org.uk by **Tuesday 10 September 2019**.

Judging of essay submissions will be undertaken by representatives from BSACP and bpas. The judges' decision is final.

All essay submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail. If you have not had confirmation of receipt within 7 days of submission, please contact the BSACP Administrator (E: admin@bsacp.org.uk).

The prize-winning author will be informed by e-mail on or by **Tuesday 1 October 2019**. The author of the winning essay will be announced and the prize awarded at the Joint RSM/BSACP Conference entitled 'Launching NICE Guidance – New Frontiers in Abortion Care' to be held at the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

The author is encouraged to attend the conference to receive their prize in person; however, attendance will be at the author's own expense. BSACP members are entitled to discounted conference registration fees ('early bird' rates apply to bookings before 16 September 2019). Conference programme/registration at: www.rsm.ac/NICEabortionguidance