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NORAH SCHUSTER STUDENT PRIZE ESSAY

See website for meeting date and deadline

Open to: Pre-clinical, clinical medical and dental students. Please note that you must be a medical or dental undergraduate.

Prize

£100 Amazon voucher and a year's membership of the RSM

The prize will be awarded for the best essay or essays submitted on any subject related to the history of medicine, including medical science. Essays should be between 3,000 - 5,000 words and the standard should be comparable to a third year dissertation.

A **500-word summary** should also be submitted along with the full essay. This should not merely be an abstract: it should outline not only the topic under discussion, the aims and principal conclusions of your research, but also the sources you have consulted. Preliminary short-listing of the essays will be performed on the basis of these summaries.

Those shortlisted for the award will be invited to deliver a presentation on the topic of their essay at the students meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine.

Rules of submission

- Essays should be no longer than 5,000 words
- Only one submission per person permitted
- You should complete the submission online via Shock logic platform.
- Once properly submitted you should receive a confirmation email – please check this has been received, if not, please contact history@rsm.ac.uk

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CHECK LIST FOR APPLICANTS**

- Essay, with word count 3,000 - 5,000 words, on a topic of your choice, encompassed in the History of Medicine.
- Summary of the essay, no longer than 500 words
- Completed application form online via Shocklogic

GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES

Length

The essay should be no longer than 5000 words, excluding appendices, bibliography, footnotes if used, and tables. A 500-word summary should also be submitted together with the essay. Note that this summary should not just be an abstract: it should outline the topic under discussion, the aims and principal conclusions of your research, and also the primary and secondary sources you have consulted.

Format and presentation

The essay should be submitted via Shocklogic which can be accessed via the Student Prize webpage on the RSM website. The essay should be uploaded online via Shocklogic platform. The essay to be uploaded should be word-processed, double-spaced, with wide margins and pages numbered sequentially. The name of the author should only appear on a title page, in order that the submissions can be judged anonymously. The content should be organised into a logical succession of headed sections, where possible.

English

The standard of the essay should be comparable to a third year dissertation, and grammar, syntax, spelling and punctuation be of the standard required for publication.

Bibliography and footnotes

All sources must be appropriately acknowledged in Harvard style only. All references should be in plain text at the end of the document and not in the header or footer (references should be converted into plain text if using an automatic referencing system)

Originality

The essay should be entirely your own original work, and should not have been previously published. Please note that if either the summary is omitted, the essay will not be considered