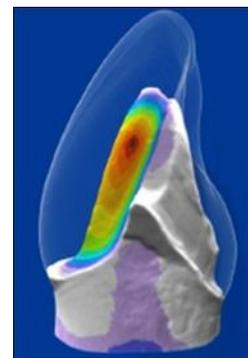


Oral Bioscience Essay Prize



Overview

The Committee of the Association of Basic Science Teachers in Dentistry (ABSTD) announces an essay prize competition to encourage interest in and engagement with Basic Sciences amongst students in full time undergraduate programmes in the oral healthcare professions. These include Dentistry, Dental Hygiene and Therapy, Dental Technology and related programmes.

The essay will be a reflective analysis of a topic to be selected by the committee within the scope of the basic and applied sciences which underpin Dentistry. In this context 'basic and applied sciences' will be interpreted widely, and essay titles will be selected which allow for integration of knowledge from across a broad range of relevant scientific disciplines.

The committee will place particular emphasis on the application of the newer disciplines (tissue engineering, molecular and cell biology, nanotechnology, proteomics, biomaterials science etc.) to a dental setting. Essays must reflect an understanding of contemporary scientific advances and be supported by reference to the appropriate literature.

Frequency The competition will take place bi-annually.

Rules

- The prize shall be known as the '*Oral Bioscience Essay Prize*'.
- The Committee of ABSTD will appoint a panel of a minimum of three judges to select a title for the essay competition and to review and rank the entries. The panel must include a combination of basic scientists and/or clinicians and represent a range of different interest areas within dental biomedical science.
- The prize will be awarded by the Committee of the Association of Basic Sciences in Dentistry (ABSTD) on the recommendation of the judges. The Committee reserves the right to withhold the prize if the standard of the essays submitted is not of sufficient merit.
- The prize will be open to any undergraduate dental student at a recognised dental school in the within the European Union and the UK, or a student on a recognised, full time, degree level programme in Dental Hygiene and Therapy or Dental Technology within these jurisdictions on the date the prize is announced.
- The value of the prize will be determined by the committee on a competition by competition basis and will be announced when the competition is announced. The Committee may award Certificates of Commendation to entries of a high standard but which have been unsuccessful in the prize competition.
- In the event that the committee is unable to decide between two entries the decision as to the award of the prize will rest with the President of ABSTD. This decision will be final.

- Although the Committee may, if they wish, offer informal feedback to authors, ABSTD will not be under any obligation to do so.
 - The names of those entering the competition will not be revealed. Only the name of the prize winner(s) will be published.
 - The essay must be written in English and shall not exceed 3000 words. It must be typed in double spacing and be preceded by a title page.
 - Essays should be submitted as an e mail attachment in MS Word format. The e mail should be formatted as a covering letter to include a brief curriculum vitae.
 - Entries must also be accompanied by a letter from an accredited dental (or equivalent) school indicating that the author was a student in good standing on the date the prize competition was announced.
 - An individual may only submit one essay and on one occasion only.
 - To avoid multiple entries from a single institution dominating the competition in any one year, the committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries to an agreed maximum number from each school. This will normally be a maximum of two per school. In this circumstance each school will be invited to select which entries will be put forward for the competition.
 - Essays will be judged on content, style, grammar and presentation.
 - ABSTD is unable to meet any costs incurred with preparation and submission of individual entries.
 - By entering the competition each entrant confirms that...
 - the entry is their original work
 - all sources have been properly acknowledged and the work contains no plagiarism
 - facts and references have been checked against original documents
 - the entry does not infringe the rights of anyone else and does not contain anything unlawful, obscene or defamatory
 - subsequent use of the entry by ABSTD will not require ABSTD to pay any fee or royalty.
 - If the work is to be published on the ABSTD website or elsewhere, minor changes may be made by an editor appointed by the committee of ABSTD.
 - Entries which do not comply with these terms and conditions will be invalid.
 - The author of the winning essay will be invited to an appropriate meeting to be presented with the award.
 - The title for the first prize competition to be held in the academic year 2016/2017 will be announced in October. The closing date for receipt of submissions will be Friday 31st March 2017.
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