

BAUS Medical Student Essay Competition 2025 - Guidance Notes

Title: " Is it now time to introduce a national prostate screening programme in the UK?"

Closing Date:	Monday 24 February 2025 at 12.00noon (GMT). No entries received after this date and time will be accepted*
Submit by email to:	Hannah Doyle

***All submitted essays will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive an email acknowledgement, please ensure you contact [Hannah Doyle](#). 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 2025 Annual Conference which is being held at Manchester Central (16-18 June 2025). BAUS will offer guest registration for the conference.

Entry Criteria

To be eligible 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 any other 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** words used in figures & figure captions, tables, appendices, footers and in-text citations.
- 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).
- When submitting your essay to BAUS, the covering email should include the name the medical school you are attending.