

College of Radiographers Industry Partnership Scheme

Pre-registration Student Dissertation Award

Guidelines

These guidelines apply to the **CoRIPS Pre-registration Student Dissertation Award**. Please read these guidelines carefully before making an enquiry or completing an application form.

There will be a call each year for this award with a submission deadline of May 31st. The deadline for submissions is aligned with presentation of the winner(s) at the annual Society of Radiographers' Radiography Awards ceremony in November each year. This decision has been made due to the variety of programme start dates, durations and dissertation submission (and resubmission) dates across Higher Education Institutions. A dissertation may be submitted up to one year after the student has completed the programme.

Nature of the Award

The purpose of this award is to celebrate research undertaken by radiography pre-registration students. Each year, education providers delivering radiography programmes approved by the College of Radiographers will be invited to submit one application from their radiotherapy and diagnostic* pre-registration programmes (where both disciplines are delivered, the provider will submit one application for each discipline).

A prize of £300 will be awarded for the best diagnostic and the best therapeutic pre-registration student dissertation, and these will be presented at the annual Society of Radiographers' Radiography Awards ceremony. The prize will be awarded directly to the student.

Eligibility

- The student radiographer must be registered on a pre-registration programme or undertaking a pre-registration degree apprenticeship that has been [approved by the College of Radiographers](#). In the case of submissions after course completion, the student must have met these criteria when submitting their dissertation to the Higher Education Institution.
- The student radiographer must be (or have been at the time of submitting their dissertation to the Higher Education Institution) in student membership with the Society of Radiographers or in membership under the relevant category for those undertaking a degree apprenticeship.

* dissertations from students completing a direct entry ultrasound (DEUS) programme are eligible under the diagnostic pre-registration programme category

- Each education provider can only submit one application per discipline for the best diagnostic* project and the best therapeutic project, regardless of the number of pre-registration programmes offered. This is to make the process fairer for those institutions that offer fewer programmes.
- As well as primary research, dissertations covering extended narrative reviews or similar will be considered, as long as quality and alignment to the College of Radiographers' strategic research priorities can be evidenced.

Adjudication

Adjudication will be by the Society and College of Radiographers. The scheme is competitive and applications will be judged on the abstract of the final research dissertation, supporting information from the student and the supporting statement by a member of the academic teaching staff (supporting academic). The assessment panel will evaluate whether the project aligns with the [College of Radiographers' strategic research priorities](#) and how the work will benefit the profession, the radiography education sector and the patients who use our services.

How to apply

Institutions should be aware that they will need to develop their own quality/selection process as it is beyond the scope of the CoR to comment on the appropriate process for identifying the 'best' dissertation.

The application must be made by a member of the teaching team (supporting academic) using the online application form, which can be accessed from our website.

The application form allows the supporting academic to provide their details and a supporting statement. Supporting information from the student being nominated (student supporting statement) can be added to the application form by uploading a Word or PDF file.

The student's supporting statement should include the following/answer the following questions:

- SoR membership number.
- Title of pre-registration programme or degree apprenticeship.
- Abstract of final research dissertation.
- Why did you choose the research approach you used?
- What do you feel you have learnt about undertaking research?
- How does your dissertation align with the [College of Radiographers' strategic research priorities](#)?
- How do you think your work will benefit our profession and the patients who use our services?
- How do you think your work will benefit the profession's education sector?

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The student supporting statement should be uploaded to the application form and not sent separately.

The deadline for applications will be 5pm on May 31st and all applications will be acknowledged by email to the supporting academic. Decisions will be communicated within six weeks of the application closing date. **If you have not received an acknowledgment within this time, please contact the Professional and Education team as soon as possible via pande@sor.org.**

Further copies of these guidelines and a link to the online application form can be found on our website, or further advice is available via telephone on 0207 740 7200.