**Health Sciences Doctoral Training Centre**

**HSDTC Science Communication Competition 2021**

Application Form

Please return completed application forms to [**hs-dtc@kcl.ac.uk**](mailto:hs-dtc@kcl.ac.uk) by:

* **12:00 (midday) GMT** on **Monday 8 March 2021**

Doctoral research students at King’s doing research in a Health Sciences-related subject are invited to submit entries to the **HSDTC** **Science Communication Competition**.

* First Prize: **£300 cash**
* Second Prize **£150 cash**

We invite you to submit a **short ‘newspaper style’ article** on your research topic. The article must be based on the research you are currently engaged with, or that your group is doing, whether that be the whole project or one aspect of it. The article should be aimed at a **non-specialist audience** and **be understandable to an interested member of the public**.

The judges will be looking for articles which:

* **Are compelling to read and easily understandable**
* **Clearly explain your research**
* **Answer the question “why does this research matter?”**
* **Are worthy of publication in a national newspaper**

All currently registered doctoral research students (DClinPsy, DHC, MD(Res), MPhil, MRes, PhD, etc.) at King’s College London can apply. There is no fee for entry.

In conjunction with the Science Communication Competition, the [HSDTC](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/doctoral-studies/health-sciences-doctoral-training-centre/about-the-hsdtc) is running a [**Science Communication: Writing for a Lay Audience**](file:///C:/Users/k1774449/Downloads/%09https:/training.kcl.ac.uk/kcl/#he/dev/eventDetails,;em,providerCode=HSDTC,providerOrgAlias=kcl,number=54) workshop on **Thursday 4 February 2021**. If you're interested in taking on the Science Communication Prize challenge and want some hands-on advice on recognising the key components of a short newspaper article – *or if you just want to write really good articles* – then this workshop could be for you. [**Places are limited, so book now via SkillsForge**](https://training.kcl.ac.uk/kcl/#he/dev/eventDetails,;em,providerCode=HSDTC,providerOrgAlias=kcl,number=54).

**How to apply**

* Complete this application form in full (see page 3 below), and return it by email to **[hs-dtc@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:hs-dtc@kcl.ac.uk)** by **12:00 (midday) GMT** on**Monday 8 March 2021**.

**Article specifications**

* The entry should be written in the style of a **short newspaper article**
* The article must be no longer than **350 words**
* The article should be **text only**: no diagrams or tables are allowed
* Formatting must be **Arial 10pt with 1.5 line spacing**

**Terms and conditions**

Submitting an entry to the **HSDTC Science Communication Competition** constitutes acceptance of the following terms and conditions:

1. Entrants may submit one article only;
2. Entrants must have written the entire article themselves;
3. Articles must not have previously been submitted for publication elsewhere;
4. Entrants must hold the copyright for submitted entries;
5. Entrants agree to release their article under [**Creative Commons license CC BY 2.0**](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/); as such the Health Sciences Doctoral Training Centre may copy, adapt, distribute and use the work in any media (including social media, online and print) in connection with the HSDTC’s activities, including in relation to all promotional activities for the competition;
6. Entrants retain copyright of their submitted article;
7. If copyright or any third-party rights are infringed by any material provided by an entrant, then the entrant will take full responsibility for this; the HSDTC accepts no liability for any breach of copyright or any third-party rights by an entrant or arising from a breach of this warranty;
8. Entries will be judged by a panel of experts in health sciences, journalism and science communication;
9. A shortlist of entries which the judges agree to be the most accomplished and adhering to the article specifications will be printed in the programme for the [**HSDTC Annual Research Symposium**](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/doctoral-studies/health-sciences-doctoral-training-centre/annual-research-symposium), to be held online in April 2021, and will also be published on the [**Health Sciences Doctoral Training Centre website**](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/doctoral-studies/health-sciences-doctoral-training-centre/home.aspx) and / or the [**Centre for Doctoral Studies Blog**](https://blogs.kcl.ac.uk/doctoralstudies/).
10. A shortlist of entries which the judges agreed last year to be the most accomplished and adhering to the article specifications can be found [**online here**](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/doctoral-studies/health-sciences-doctoral-training-centre/other-opportunities).
11. The First and Second Prizes will be chosen from the shortlisted entries and announced at the [**HSDTC Annual Research Symposium**](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/study/doctoral-studies/health-sciences-doctoral-training-centre/annual-research-symposium) to be held online in April 2021;
12. The winning entry will receive a cash prize of £300 (‘First Prize’); the runner-up entry will receive a cash prize of £150 (‘Second Prize’); no alternative prizes will be offered;
13. No First or Second Prize will be awarded to any entrant who has received a First or Second Prize for the HSDTC Science Communication Competition in the previous academic year; this rule does *not* apply to First or Second Prize awardees of the HSDTC Science Image Competition.
14. All judging decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding judging decisions;
15. The HSDTC reserves the right to exclude an entry and revoke any prize made, at any time, in the event of a breach of these terms and conditions by the entrant.

Please contact [**hs-dtc@kcl.ac.uk**](mailto:hs-dtc@kcl.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

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| **Full name** |  | |
| **King’s email address** |  | |
| **Faculty** |  | |
| **Department, Institute, School, or Centre** |  | |
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| **Please submit your entry in the box below:** | | |
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