

CiS Student Essay Competition 2024

Rules and Guidelines

1. Entrants should be enrolled on a course at a Higher Education institution for the academic year 2023-2024, in their first undergraduate or postgraduate course of study. Entries under any other circumstance will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2. Your essay must be written under one of the following titles:

- Does Christian faith offer any answer to the planetary crisis?
- Describe the origin of man as a natural and supernatural process.
- How crucially good and bad for humanity is the advancement in science and technology today?
- Does science improve our understanding of God's eternal power and divine nature (Romans 1:20)?

3. The analyses and the reflections on the topic in your essay are expected to be in the area of Christian belief and its interactions with science and technology.

4. Your essay must be no more than 1000 words long (excluding title and bibliography) and must be written in English. Entries exceeding this word limit will not be accepted.

5. Your entry must be submitted electronically as a .doc or .docx file to the Membership Secretary (membership@cis.org.uk) by midnight on the 30th August 2024, with 'CiS Essay Competition' in the subject field.

6. The first page of your entry must clearly state the following:

- Your name
- Your university
- Your course
- Your year of study
- Your email address
- Your telephone number (landline or mobile)
- A statement indicating that the essay is your own original work

None of these details should appear on subsequent pages, as the essays will be judged anonymously.

7. Your essay must be an original piece of work, so you must not use AI tools (ChatGPT etc) to compose any of the text of your essay. It must not have been submitted to a previous CiS competition. No part of the material you submit may be previously published, nor can it be the winner or finalist of any previous writing contest.

8. Judging will be by a panel of CiS committee members and local group leaders, whose decision will be final. Judging will be anonymous, and essays will be judged on their general interest, theological ideas, scientific ideas and quality of writing.

9. The author of the winning entry will receive a prize to the value of £150 and will have their essay published in PreCiS and on the CiS website. No alternative prizes are available.

10. You retain the copyright to your work, but CiS reserves the right to print, reprint, and distribute all submitted entries with your permission, regardless of whether or not they are prize-winning pieces.

References (Please use the following format for references)

Book references:

Author / Editor Surname, Initial. Initial. (eds – if editor) (Year), Book title (edition number), page numbers, publisher.

For example: Jones, P.J., Smith, R. & Watson, E.P. (eds) (1988), Artificial Intelligence Reconsidered (2nd edition), 14 – 20, Wiley.

Journal references:

Author Surname, Initial.Initial. (Year), Journal title, issue number (volume number), page numbers.

For example: Carson, P.R. (1970), Journal of Applied Artificial Intelligence, 38 (3), 4-II.

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