

Heraldry Society Essay Prize: Guidance for Submissions

- The competition is open to any graduate or post-graduate student at a higher education institution, and to any researcher who has **not** previously been published by *The Coat of Arms* or *Heraldry Gazette*.
- Applicants need not be members of The Heraldry Society.
- The deadline for submissions is 23.59 on 31 December 2025. All submissions should be sent by email to the Chairman of the Heraldry Society Education Committee, accompanied by the completed submission form. Late entries cannot be accepted.
- Essays themselves should be anonymous and make no reference to the author.
- Only one entry per author will be accepted.
- Essays must be relevant to the subject matters covered by the Heraldry Society's publications. They should be based upon research; and should look to engage with existing and recent scholarship while developing new and interesting arguments. They can be focused on any period or region.
- Essays should be written in English, save for necessary citations in footnotes.
- Essays must be between 5,000 and 8,000 words, to include footnotes and bibliography.
- Essays must not have been previously published or accepted for publication.
- Essays must be the original work of the author and not infringe the rights of any other party. Artificial Intelligence must not have been used in their creation.
- If images are to be included, the author is responsible for obtaining permission to reproduce them.
- Entries must not contain defamatory, obscene, offensive, or any other unsuitable material.
- All entries will be examined by an anonymous peer review panel and considered for publication in *The Coat of Arms*. Publication is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the editor.
- The award of £750 and publication in the journal will be made to the winner of the prize. The announcement of the winner will be made in April 2026. The copyright in any Essay which is published by the Heraldry Society will remain with the author. Every entrant warrants that they will permit their Essay to be published if successful.
- Essays should seek to follow the published guidance for contributors to *The Coat of Arms*. <https://www.theheraldrysociety.com/publications/guidance-for-contributors-to-the-coat-of-arms/> Details of *The Coat of Arms*, journal of The Heraldry Society, may be seen here <https://www.theheraldrysociety.com/publications/the-coat-of-arms/>
- Any personal information relating to the winner or other participants will be used solely in accordance with current data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to third parties without the prior permission of the participant.