

CONSTRUCTION HISTORY SOCIETY

ESSAY PRIZE

The Essay Prize also known as the Stanley Smith Prize is awarded annually for the best student essay on subjects related to construction history. Construction History is understood in its broadest sense to include studies of the economic history of building construction, histories of the building trades, studies of vernacular architecture from the point of view of its construction, studies of the construction of single buildings, etc, etc. The topic can be on any country or any period and submissions are welcome from students from all countries at any stage of their education, including those who have recently graduated.

Eligibility for Submission

Only individuals who are students on a recognised undergraduate or graduate course (MPhil, MA, PhD etc), or have completed such a course in the previous 12 months are eligible to submit. There is no age limit. A letter should be provided with the submission from the student's supervisor confirming that the candidate is (or was) a registered student and the course they were or are undertaking. The essay may be part of a larger dissertation or thesis but should be self-contained and must not have been published or be in the process of being considered for publication in the same form elsewhere.

Format

The essay must be no more than 8,000 words including bibliography and footnotes in English. There is no minimum length. It should follow the same style guidelines as articles submitted to the journal. The research can be part of a submitted thesis but it should form a coherent essay suitable for publication. Essays should be submitted electronically to the editors of the journal.

Date for Submission

Submissions for the Essay Prize must be received by the end of January each year. The winner will be informed by post in April and invited to the AGM to accept the prize. Unfortunately the prize fund does not extend to covering travel costs to the AGM. If the winner cannot attend in person the prize will be awarded *in absentia* and a certificate sent by post.

Prize

The winner will be announced on the website and in the newsletter and presented with a certificate at the AGM in May. The winning essay will be published in the CHS journal (subject to refereeing and any changes required by the editors). In addition the winner will receive a £100 book token.

Judging

The judging panel of the Essay prize are the editors of the Journal and the Chairman of the Society. The judges may ask others to read the submission if they feel they need further guidance. In all cases the judges' verdict will be final. Where no acceptable essay is received no prize will be awarded.