

## UNIVERSITY OF READING: DOCTORAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE GENERAL COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**By entering a Doctoral Research Conference competition you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.**

1. **The Promoter.** The promoter is the Doctoral and Researcher College of the University of Reading, a corporation with charitable status, established by Royal Charter (RC000665) of Whiteknights House, Whiteknights, PO Box 217, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 6AH, United Kingdom.
2. **Eligibility.** Each competition is only open to residents of the UK or individuals studying in the UK aged 18 years or over who are University of Reading doctoral researchers and who have not graduated before 1 June 2026. Employees of the Promoter, their family members, or any person directly involved in the running of the competition, are not eligible to enter the competition. The Promoter may ask the winner to provide proof of age. Please also refer to the relevant individual Doctoral Research Conference competition entry form (**Entry Form**) to see if further eligibility restrictions (such as year group) apply.
3. **The Competition.** Each competition is free to enter and one entry is allowed per person. Entries on behalf of another person will not be accepted. All entries must be your own original work and must not have been published elsewhere. It is your responsibility to ensure that your entry does not infringe the copyright of any third party or any laws. Please refer to the relevant Entry Form for further competition guidelines / requirements.
4. **Opening and Closing Date.** Entries can be submitted by the closing date / time as detailed on the relevant Entry Form (**Closing Date**). Entries received after the Closing Date, or invalid or ineligible entries, will be disqualified.
5. **Submitting your entry.** Please see the relevant Entry Form for details around the process to be followed to submit an entry. All competition entries must be received by the Promoter by the Closing Date. Entries will not be returned.
6. **Judging Panel.** Please refer to the relevant Entry Form for details of the judging panel and related criteria. The decision of the judge/panel of judges will be final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into. The full names of the judges are detailed in the conference programme.
7. **The Prize.** Each winner will receive the prize(s) detailed in the relevant Entry Form. The prize(s) is non-exchangeable and non-transferable. The Promoter retains the right to substitute any prize with another prize of a similar value if circumstances beyond its control make it necessary to do so.
8. **Awarding the Prize.** The winners will be announced at the conference (on the conference web page) – any winners not present will notified by email as soon as practicable after the Closing Date (using contact details provided at entry) and must be able to follow the instructions for claiming the prize. It may be necessary to provide a postal address to claim a prize. Alternative collection or delivery arrangements may be possible by mutual agreement in exceptional circumstances. If a winner cannot be contacted or does not claim the prize within fourteen (14) days of being notified, the Promoter reserves the right to re-draw at random and offer the prize to the next eligible entrant.

9. **Ownership of Competition Entries and Intellectual Property Rights.** Each entrant retains any copyright arising in his or her entry. However, you agree to grant the University of Reading a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, royalty free licence, for the full period of any intellectual property rights in your competition entry and any accompanying materials, to use, display, publish, transmit, copy, edit, alter, store, re-format and sub-licence the competition entry and any accompanying materials for the purposes of promoting the competition on its website, on its social media and in the press. You will be credited as the author unless you ask us not to do so.
10. **Details of Winners.** Winners will be announced at the conference (on the conference web page). By entering the competition you agree to us sharing your name and county/country of residence as described as above, unless you expressly tell us not to do so by contacting us at the above email address.
11. **Limitation of Liability.** The Prize is provided 'as is' without warranty of any kind, either express or implied, including but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or non-infringement. The Promoter does not accept any responsibility for product warranty and/or product liability matters. The Promoter's total liability to you in relation to the prize draw and/or the prize(s) shall not exceed the value of the prize(s). The Promoter reserves the right to hold void, cancel, suspend, or amend the competition at any time if it becomes necessary to do so for reasons beyond its control.
12. **Personal Data.** Personal data supplied by you during this competition will only be processed by the University:
  - a) to assess your entry into the competition;
  - b) to check that you meet these terms and conditions;
  - c) to administer the competition and to contact you if you are a winner;
  - d) to comply with its statutory obligation to publish or make available information that a valid award has taken place (as detailed at paragraph 9 above); and
  - e) as set out in the University's privacy policy – <https://www.reading.ac.uk/about/privacy> and in accordance with all relevant data protection legislation.
13. **Governing Law & Jurisdiction.** The competition will be governed by the law of England and Wales and the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.