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research life in pictures competition 2024

**About the competition**

The Doctoral and Researcher College Research Life in Pictures competition has been established to encapsulate the ‘human side’ of the doctoral journey. We are inviting current Reading doctoral researchers to submit a picture which offers **an insight into the everyday life of a doctoral researcher**. If your picture is shortlisted it will be displayed at the University of Reading Doctoral Research Conference on 12 June 2024. The competition will be judged by a panel drawn from the University of Reading’s research community.

The winner chosen by the Judging Panel will receive an award of £100. The winner of the People’s Choice Award voted for by conference delegates will receive £50.

**Eligibility – who can apply?**

All current University of Reading doctoral researchers, including those undertaking professional doctorates, who have not graduated before 1 June 2024.

**Key dates**

* Entry deadline = 28 March 2024
* Date by which shortlisted finalists will be notified = 26 April 2024
* Doctoral Research Conference = 12 June 2024
* Overall winner announced = 12 June 2024
* People’s choice award announced =12 June 2024

**Competition guidelines and rules**

* Picture/s must offer an insight into the **everyday life** of doctoral research.
* Each student can submit only one entry. This can be a single picture or a group of up to six smaller pictures which are submitted in a single composition.
* Each student should submit a picture accompanied by an abstract that explains what your picture/s shows and how it / they relate to your life as a doctoral researcher.
* Please send your picture as a single JPEG file or as a PDF.
  + Please note that shortlisted entries will be enlarged to A3 size (the Doctoral and Researcher College will cover printing costs), so please ensure you send a high resolution image. We ask that the file size is larger than 1MB but smaller than 5MB. Any pictures outside these parameters may not be considered for the competition.
* If your entry is selected then you should be able to attend the conference on 12 June 2024. . If you are registered By Distance then you should endeavour to attend on 12 June, but it is not necessary for you to take part in the competition.
* Entrants will be informed if their picture has been selected by 26 April 2024**.**
* We reserve the right to disqualify entries that don’t comply with the competition requirements.
* Events may occur that render the competition (or certain aspects of the competition) impossible due to reasons beyond the control of the University. Accordingly, the University may at its absolute discretion change, suspend or cancel the competition (or elements of it) if circumstances beyond its control make it necessary to do so.

**Deadline for competition entry: 28 March 2024**

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**Entry Form**

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| **First name** |  |
| **Surname** |  |
| **Student number** |  |
| **Registration status** | On campus By Distance |
| **University email address** |  |
| **Supervisor** |  |
| **School** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Picture title** |  |
| **Picture orientation** | Portrait  Landscape |

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| **Please write a short abstract (max 150 words) that explains what your picture shows and how it is related to your doctoral journey. This abstract will be on display at the conference, so please ensure that it is accessible to a non-specialist audience and has been proof read.** |
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| **Disclaimer** |
| **Copyright**  Competition entrants will retain ownership of copyright in their submitted research picture.  By entering this competition, you grant the University of Reading a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, modify and reproduce your submission – whether or not chosen to win a prize – in whole or in part, for academic and/or marketing purposes (including in promotional materials and/or on social media platforms), online and in all media as required, without further permission from, or compensation to, you. Appropriate accompanying credit will be given for any submission that is published or exhibited publicly.  You further agree to the use of your name, biographical information and photographs for academic and/or marketing purposes. |
| **Liability**  The University of Reading shall not be liable in any way for your submission. **It is the responsibility of the competition entrant to secure all necessary permissions for the inclusion of any third party copyright-protected material in the submitted picture/s and to obtain any necessary consents from living, identifiable individuals by ensuring that written permission has been received.** The University of Reading provides image release forms relating to photography and filming of identifiable individuals, which might be useful for this purpose: <https://www.reading.ac.uk/internal/imps/Copyright/ImageReleaseForms.aspx>  By submitting an entry to this competition, you represent and warrant to the University that (i) you are the creator and sole and exclusive owner of your submission, or otherwise have all right and authority to grant to the University the rights in the submission described herein; and (ii) nothing in your submission infringes the intellectual property or personal data rights of any third party and that all necessary permissions, and/or releases from identifiable individuals depicted (or from their legal guardian as required), have been obtained. |
| I declare that my entry is an original piece of work created during my doctoral research studies at the University of Reading. I have read the above statements about liability and copyright and accept and agree to them.  **Name:**  **Signature:**  **Date:**  **Supervisor’s name:**  **Supervisor’s signature:** |
| **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 28 March 2024**  **Please send your picture/s as a JPEG file with your surname and picture title as the filename.**  **Please send your entry form as a word document with your surname and picture title as the filename.** |
| Please send your picture(JPEG) and this form to [DoctoralandResearcherCollege@reading.ac.uk](mailto:DoctoralandResearcherCollege@reading.ac.uk)  Then please send a hardcopy of the form signed by yourself and your supervisor to Doctoral and Researcher College, Old Whiteknights House, Whiteknights, University of Reading, PO BOX 217, RG6 6AH |

Please note if shortlisted, students will be required to be photographed, filmed and/or recorded, for the purposes of participating in the production of university photography, video or audio work.

Any personal data supplied on this form will be used to administer the competition entry and contact winners. Further information can be found in the University’s privacy policy. Shortlisted entrants and winners will be identified at the UoR Doctoral Research Conference and in Doctoral and Researcher College publications, including online.