

College of Radiographers Industry Partnership Scheme

Pre-registration Student Dissertation Award

Guidelines

These guidelines apply to the **CoRIPS Pre-registration Student Dissertation Award**. Please read these guidelines carefully before making an enquiry or completing an application form.

There will be a call each year for this award with a submission deadline of Wed 3rd June 2026. The deadline for submissions is aligned with presentation of the winner(s) at the annual Society of Radiographers' Radiography Awards ceremony in November each year. This decision has been made due to the variety of programme start dates, durations and dissertation submission (and resubmission) dates across Higher Education Institutions. A dissertation may be submitted up to one year after the student has completed the programme.

Nature of the Award

The purpose of this award is to celebrate research undertaken by radiography pre-registration students. Each year, education providers delivering radiography programmes approved by the College of Radiographers will be invited to submit one application from their radiotherapy and diagnostic* pre-registration programmes (where both disciplines are delivered, the provider will submit one application for each discipline).

A prize of £300 will be awarded for the best diagnostic and the best therapeutic pre-registration student dissertation, and these will be presented at the annual Society of Radiographers' Radiography Awards ceremony. The prize will be awarded directly to the student.

Eligibility

- The student radiographer must be registered on a pre-registration programme or undertaking a pre-registration degree apprenticeship that has been approved by the College of Radiographers. In the case of submissions after course completion, the student must have met these criteria when submitting their dissertation to the Higher Education Institution.

* dissertations from students completing a direct entry ultrasound (DEUS) programme are eligible under the diagnostic pre-registration programme category

- The student radiographer must be (or have been at the time of submitting their dissertation to the Higher Education Institution) in student membership with the Society of Radiographers or in membership under the relevant category for those undertaking a degree apprenticeship.
- Each education provider can only submit one application per discipline for the best diagnostic* project and the best therapeutic project, regardless of the number of pre-registration programmes offered. This is to make the process fairer for those institutions that offer fewer programmes.
- As well as primary research, dissertations covering extended narrative reviews or similar will be considered, as long as quality and alignment to the College of Radiographers' strategic research priorities can be evidenced.

Adjudication

Adjudication will be by the Society and College of Radiographers. The scheme is competitive and applications will be judged on the abstract of the final research dissertation, supporting information from the student and the supporting statement by a member of the academic teaching staff (supporting academic). The assessment panel will evaluate whether the project aligns with the College of Radiographers' strategic research priorities and how the work will benefit the profession, the radiography education sector and the patients who use our services.

How to apply

Institutions should be aware that they will need to develop their own quality/selection process as it is beyond the scope of the CoR to comment on the appropriate process for identifying the 'best' dissertation.

The application must be made by a member of the teaching team (supporting academic) using the application form, which can be downloaded from our website.

The application form includes space for the student to explain their research and provide supporting information. The supporting academic making the application will also provide a supporting statement on the form. This information should be included in the form and not attached separately.

The deadline for applications will be 5pm on 3rd June 2026 and all applications will be acknowledged by email to the supporting academic. Decisions will be communicated within six weeks of the application closing date. **If you have not received an acknowledgment within this time, please contact the Professional and Education team as soon as possible via pande@sor.org.**

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Further copies of these guidelines and the application form can be downloaded from our website or further advice is available via telephone on 0207 740 7200.