



## Archaeology Scotland's Student Prize 2025

Archaeology Scotland are delighted to announce that, thanks to generous anonymous donations, we are running, for a fifth year, a competition to give recognition to excellence in written work on Scottish archaeology produced in the 2024–25 academic year. The awards are for work by undergraduates and postgraduates in Scottish universities.

### The categories are as follows:

1. Best undergraduate dissertation by a full time or part time matriculated student
2. Best taught postgraduate dissertation by a full time or part time matriculated student

### Topic:

Any period of Scottish Archaeology up to AD 1707 - although dissertations that place the Scottish evidence in a wider context are acceptable. The scope of the work can encompass palaeo-environmental topics and other archaeological science including osteology, but texts on the presentation or management of Scottish archaeology lie outside the remit of the competition.

### Entry submission:

Up to two entries in each of the categories will be accepted from each of the Universities where Scottish archaeology is taught. It is expected that senior staff will select these from the best pieces of work that have been examined in each of the categories. Only University staff can submit entries to Archaeology Scotland, with permission from the candidate students.

The entries are to be sent in .pdf form to Archaeology Scotland's email address:

[info@archaeologyscotland.org.uk](mailto:info@archaeologyscotland.org.uk)

### Deadline for submissions:

UG Dissertation Prizes: **9 January 2026** – award will be in Spring 2026

PGT Dissertation Prize: **9 January 2026** – award will be in Spring 2026

### Prize:

The winner of each category will receive an AS medal for excellence, a £150 book token for archaeological books, a certificate and one year's free membership of Archaeology Scotland. The winning dissertations will be published on the Archaeology Scotland website. The prize-winners will feature in our members' Magazine and will receive their prize at an Award ceremony.

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