

Dissertation Prize Rules

Applicants must submit their dissertations by 1 September of the year in which they graduate.

1. To be eligible, a dissertation must be of at least 9,500 words, submitted as part of the assessment for a first degree course in law or another relevant subject.
2. The dissertation must be relevant to the study of Ecclesiastical Law but may be on any subject concerned with the interrelation of Law, State and Church, in England or in relation to the Anglican Communion.
3. A topic may have been chosen by the student writing it or it may have been set as course work by a member of staff.
4. A topic with a short abstract may be sent to the Society's Administrator before the dissertation is written or submitted and written confirmation shall be provided by the Society as to whether the topic would qualify.
5. The dissertation must have been written during the second, third, or fourth year of the graduate's degree course and included in the assessment for the degree.
6. The dissertation must have been awarded a first class mark by the relevant University examining board.
7. A dissertation may be submitted by its author, or, with the graduate's consent, by a member of teaching staff, so as to reach the Society's Administrator no later than the date set by the Committee
8. A copy of the dissertation should be submitted to the Society's Administrator; the dissertation must have been awarded a first class mark by the degree awarding institution.
9. In the interests of anonymity, the copy of the dissertation should not show the applicant's name or institution but should show a code. The name and institution with the code should be given in an accompanying letter.

APPLICANTS ARE ASKED TO AGREE TO THEIR NAME AND INSTITUTION BEING MENTIONED IN THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS, WEBSITE, AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

The Committee of the Society shall appoint two or more examiners to select the winning dissertation.

TO APPLY FOR A PRIZE OR TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT THE SOCIETY'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

The Rt Rev'd John Ford execsec@ecclawsoc.org.uk

NOTES

1. Suitable pieces may be submitted from joint courses, including law, or from other degrees such as theology, religious studies or history.
2. Comparative studies considering the law relevant to other faiths will be eligible provided substantial treatment is given to Christianity.
3. The author need not have been awarded a first class degree.

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DISSERTATION COMPETITION**

APPLICATION FORM:

This form should be submitted by email with the attachment not showing the applicant's identity but with the identification code, by 1 September to:

The Rt Rev'd John Ford execsec@ecclawsoc.org.uk

Applicant's name:

IDENTIFICATION CODE:

Applicant's email address:

Address for correspondence:

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Applicant's Law School

Address of Law School.....

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Confirmation by a representative of the applicant's institution that the applicant was awarded a first class mark for the dissertation:

Name of member of staff

Position of member of staff in the institution

Official email address of member of staff

Telephone number of member of staff

The member of staff will be contacted to verify the first class mark.

Date of submission:.....

Applicants agree to their names and institutions being mentioned in Ecclesiastical Law Society publications, website, and social media. Successful applicants will also be invited to submit a photograph.