

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Daily Telegraph Young Science

Writer Awards 1988

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WIN A WEEK IN THE USA

If you're aged between 16 and 28 you could win a week in the USA. That's the top prize in the new Young Science Writer competition organised by The Daily Telegraph in conjunction with the British Association of the Advancement of Science to promote interest in and awareness of science.

Your writing talent can get you there - if you've got the skill to present any exciting scientific discovery or topic of research in a vivid and stylish manner by the closing date of 31st May 1988.

You choose your field - from astrophysics, atom smashers and animal behaviour to molecular biology, ichthyology, quantum mechanics and artificial intelligence.

Two special prize categories for two age groups

Age Group 16-21

1,000 words maximum on an existing scientific discovery.

First Prize

A special 1-week visit to the USA as a guest of The Daily Telegraph and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Plus the opportunity to see your entry published in The Daily Telegraph.

Age Group 22-28

Post-graduate and post-doctoral students: 1,000 words maximum on your own original scientific research.

Others: 1,000 words maximum on either your own original scientific research, or an existing scientific discovery.

First Prize

1-week trip to San Francisco as a guest of The Daily Telegraph and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at their annual convention.

Plus the opportunity to see your entry published in The Daily Telegraph.

There are also runners up prizes of 10 annual subscriptions to New Scientist magazine for both prize categories.

Whatever category you enter, your article should appeal to, inform and entertain both specialist and general readers.

The final judging panel will consist of Sir Walter Bodmer FRS, Professor Sir David Phillips FRS, Professor John Thomas FRS, Professor Heinz Wolff, Dr Peter Newmark, Mr Richard Fifield and Dr Roger Highfield.

The judges will assess your article on content, quality of continuity, and any graphic illustration you may propose. (Commercial graphics or a high level of artistry are not required - simply a written indication.)

How to enter

State to which prize category you belong. And if in the 22-28 range, whether post-graduate/post-doctoral student or not.

Your 1,000 word entry (not including description of any graphic illustrations) should be typed or legibly handwritten.

Then send it with your full name, date of birth, postal address and telephone number, keeping a copy for yourself, to: Jane Scott, The Daily Telegraph Young Science Writer Awards 1988, Peterborough Court, South Quay, 181 Marsh Wall, London E14 9SR.

Remember, we must receive your entry by the closing date: 31st May 1988.

RULES FOR THE DAILY TELEGRAPH YOUNG SCIENCE WRITER AWARDS

Entrants to the competition will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the following rules as well as the specific conditions of entry.

[1] The competition is open to UK residents only. No employees or members of families of employees of The Daily Telegraph plc, its subsidiary or associate companies, its advertising and promotion agencies, or anyone acting on behalf of such people is eligible to enter.

[2] All entrants must be aged between 16 and 28 and must state in which age category they belong (16-21 or 22-28); and if in the 22-28 group, whether post-graduate/post-doctoral or not. False declaration of age renders any entry void.

[3] Entries must not exceed 1,000 words in length. All entries must be typed or legibly written in ink or ball-point pen and clearly marked with the entrant's name, full address and telephone number. Mutilated, illegible or altered entries may be disqualified. Only one entry per competitor is allowed.

[4] Entries may deal with any aspect of scientific discovery or research, ranging from the natural world to high technology. In the event of an entry being deemed to fall outside the realm of 'science', the decision of the judges will be final.

a) Entrants in the 16-21 range are expected to restrict their choice to an existing scientific discovery.
b) Post-graduate and post-doctoral entrants in the 22-28 age range are required to write on their own original scientific or technological research.
c) Other entrants in the 22-28 age range may (but are not bound to) write on an existing scientific discovery, but will compete against the post-graduate and post-doctoral students.

[5] The competition will be finally judged by the panel designated by The Daily Telegraph. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence on the nature of assessment, or the results, will be entered into.

The winners will be announced in The Daily Telegraph and in such other media as The Daily Telegraph may choose. Entrants must be willing to take part in publicity arising out of the competition.

[6] Daily Telegraph Standard Competition Rules apply and may be requested from Trish Simms at The Daily Telegraph, Peterborough Court, South Quay, 181 Marsh Wall, London E14 9SR. Please send a stamped addressed envelope.

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