



Cottrell Essay Prize for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine 2022

Questions

As a College, we aim to tackle the pressing issues of the twenty-first century, and we have designed this year's questions to get to the heart of the most important questions affecting Medicine and Veterinary Medicine during this extraordinary time.

Please select only **one** question and answer from EITHER a medical perspective OR a veterinary perspective, OR a perspective that considers both:

1. Assess how successfully the government has mitigated the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the profession and the sector.
2. There is a strong ecological case for becoming a vegan. Consider the implications if everyone did.
3. 'Diet plays a far greater role in determining health than we like to admit. Practitioners should be far more honest about this, and far less concerned about causing offence.' Discuss. If discussing from a veterinary perspective, consider within your answer the recent increase in popularity of raw meat-based diets (RMBDs).
4. Should people who refuse vaccination for themselves/their pets be denied treatment for any associated illnesses they develop?
5. 'The fact that we can prolong life does not mean that we always should.' Discuss.
6. Microbial resistance to antibiotics is an increasing cause of morbidity and mortality. How should we reduce our dependence upon antibiotics?

Competition Rules and Guidelines

Prizes

We will be awarding a £100 first prize and two £50 runner-up prizes in both Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. There will also be an unlimited number of 'highly commended' prizes in both categories.

Eligibility criteria

This competition is open to **Year 12** (S5 – Scotland, Y13 – N.I.) students attending a **UK state school**, who intend to apply to university for 2023 entry, or deferred 2024 entry.



Competition rules

You may only submit **one** entry to the Cottrell Essay Prize for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, and you must answer only **one** question from either a medical perspective, a veterinary perspective, or a perspective that considers both:

Your essay should be between **1,000–1,500 words**. This word limit includes footnotes and appendices but it does not include the bibliography (which you must include). You may go under or over this limit by **no more than 10%**. You may use any appropriate referencing style you wish.

Please ensure that all pages of your essay are numbered and that your name and the question appear on each page.

Submission instructions

You may only submit one submission using the following form:

https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3USPLLuT7rId4jj

You will need to combine any individual documents into one, and you must submit your document as a PDF.

All entries need to be verified by a nominated teacher, so we ask you to provide us with the contact details of your nominated teacher on the form. Your teacher will then automatically receive an email from us with instructions on how to verify your submission. Please ensure you have your teacher's permission to share their contact details with us.

Once you successfully submit your entry you will see a confirmation screen and you will receive an auto-generated email. Please ensure that you retain this email as proof that you have entered the competition. If you think you have entered, but you have not received confirmation, please email us at outreach@lucy.cam.ac.uk to let us know.

Deadlines

The deadline for completed submissions is **9am on Monday 6th June 2022**.

The deadline for teacher verification is **9am on Monday 13th June 2022**. Please note that your submission will be considered incomplete without this verification, so it is very important that you let your nominated teacher know in advance that they must verify your work

We aim to confirm results by the 1st July 2022, and we will hold a virtual prize-giving in the week beginning the 18th July 2022.

Contact Information



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If you have any questions or concerns about the above, please do not hesitate to contact our Outreach Officer Hayley Hilson at outreach@lucy.cam.ac.uk.