



British Aphasiology Society

Student Project Prize 2008/2009

Entries are invited for a prize for a student project on acquired aphasia. The prize will be awarded for the project which meets the conditions of entry given below and which, in the opinion of the judges, is the best submitted entry. The British Aphasiology Society reserves the right not to make an award should a project of sufficient merit not be submitted.

The British Aphasiology Society Student Project Prize shall be of the value of £200. The prize will be shared equally between the student submitting the project and the educational establishment at which the student was registered at the time of study for the project. The academic establishment must spend their portion of the prize money on books or materials which will enhance or promote students' interest in aphasia. Up to two awards of £50 each may be awarded to runners-up on the recommendation of the judges. These awards will be given entirely to the students and not to their educational establishment.

Three judges will be appointed by the committee of the British Aphasiology Society. The decision of the judges will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into in respect of the judgement. Winners of the prize and the runners-up, if any, will be notified by post and their names will be announced at the British Aphasiology Society conference, therapy symposium, and/or in the newsletter and the website.

Conditions of Entry

1. The topic of the project shall be aphasia (acquired neurogenic disorder of language, without restriction of age). A broad interpretation of "aphasia" may be used e.g. the topic may be taken to include language disorder acquired through progressive neurological disease (though not disorders that are restricted to motor speech production or developmental dysphasia). Projects may be of any type in the field of aphasiology i.e. experimental or observational or literature review, and may relate to any aspect of study e.g. from a single case study to a review of epidemiological or service issues.
2. The submission shall be a project or a dissertation submitted as part of the normal examination procedure in the final year of an undergraduate or postgraduate course (masters level). No further changes should have been made to the project following its submission as part of the final examination. Submissions of projects can only be accepted if they were undertaken in the same or immediately preceding academic year, and have not been altered in any way since submission. The project should be of either first or upper second class standard (or equivalent for taught postgraduate courses).
3. Projects should normally be between 5,000 and 10,000 words in length (word count excluding any appendices of raw data and materials used, but including references). This should be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 150 words (unless this is already included in the project).

4. Submissions should be anonymous. The student's name and university should not be identifiable on the submitted essay/project. Particular attention must be paid to Appendices where copies of Information Sheets, Ethics Approvals etc can disclose the institution or student's name. These should be removed. BAS reserve the right to disqualify a Project if it is not suitably anonymised.

5. Individual institutions may submit more than one piece of work for either prize.

6. Winning students are required to write a short summary of their project for publication in the BAS newsletter no later than 1 month after announcement of the prize winner.

7. Three copies of the project should be received no later than the first post, Friday 17th July 2009. They must be in typescript, and bound or held together in a form that ensures that the pages will not be lost.

8. The supervisor of the student entrant's project must complete a student project prize application form and send it to the B.A.S. Student Prize Co-ordinator.

9. Candidates wishing their copies to be returned after judging must enclose stamps to cover the cost of postage.

10. The British Aphasiology Society reserves the right to keep one copy of all prize winning or award winning projects, and to display it on appropriate occasions. British Aphasiology Society members will also be able to borrow a copy of the prize winning project for limited periods. This will not constitute publication, and prize winners will be expected to seek publication of their research where appropriate in academic journals in the usual way.

PLEASE NOTE: LATE ENTRIES OR ENTRIES NOT PRESENTED IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGEMENT

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Student Project Prize Application Form (2008/2009)

Name of student: _____

Address for correspondence _____

_____ Post code _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Course being undertaken _____

Year of course _____ Full-time/Part-time _____

Educational establishment _____

Mailing address _____

_____ Post code _____

Title of project: _____

Date project written: _____

Name of supervisor/s: _____

Final mark agreed by internal and external examiners _____ %

Contribution of the project to the final degree mark _____ %

How much of the data used in the project (if applicable) was collected by the student i.e. was the data from an existing corpus or did the student collect it themselves?

How much assistance did you provide as a supervisor e.g. with statistical analysis?

I confirm that _____ undertook the submitted project as part of his/her (undergraduate/postgraduate) course during the academic years 2008 or 2009 and that this project is largely original work by the student.

Signed: _____ (Project supervisor)

Closing date for submission: 17th July 2009