

Undergraduate Essay Competition 2018



The Royal College of
Chiropractors

The Royal College of Chiropractors is pleased to announce a new Undergraduate Essay Competition. Open to all undergraduate students currently studying chiropractic in the UK, this competition provides an opportunity for students to develop and share their thinking about the current status and/or future of the profession.

The winner, and the runner-up, will each receive a certificate, an expenses-paid trip to the RCC's AGM on 30th January 2019, and publication of their essay (with consent) in an RCC publication. The winning author will, in addition, receive a £150 cash prize.

Entry Instructions

- Choose one title question from the list below and write an essay answer of between 1500 and 2000 words using a double-spaced 12pt Arial font
- Include a separate title page with your name, email address, college and year of study (this data to be retained and used by the RCC for the purposes of the competition only)
- Use suitable headed sections/subsections
- Include figures and tables if you wish (not included in the word count)
- Provide references where appropriate (not included in the word count)
- Provide a separate abstract/summary of between 100 and 200 words
- Email your entry as an attachment to admin@rcc-uk.org by the deadline of 12 noon on Friday 23rd November 2018

Title Choices

- What developments are needed to enable the chiropractic profession to contribute fully to MSK health care in the UK?
- What does evidence-based chiropractic care mean?
- Should the scope of chiropractic practice be defined?

Rules and Guidance

1. The entry instructions form part of these rules and guidance.
2. Marking will be based on content and presentation. Criteria for judging will include relevance to the title, originality of thought, cogency, readability and understanding/appropriate use of evidence.
3. References can be presented in any suitable style. There is no limit to the number of references that can be provided.
4. Only one essay per student will be accepted.
5. The competition is only open to undergraduate students currently studying chiropractic at a UK educational institution.
6. The essay must be the work of one individual student; no co-authoring is permitted.
7. Entries will be judged by a panel appointed by the RCC Council. Should a minimum standard not be achieved, a prize may not be awarded.
8. Entries will be checked for plagiarism, evidence of which will result in disqualification.
9. The judges' decision is final for all aspects of the competition and no correspondence will be entered into.