



# INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL ETHICS

## F1 and F2 Doctor Essay Competition - Guidelines for Applicants

1. The prize is open to all foundation year one and two doctors in the UK.
2. The essay should be about an ethical issue raised by an experience you have had as an F1 or F2 doctor and should be in the form of reflective practice. The judges are looking for well-presented essays that focus on the writer's personal experience of the ethical issues raised by a particular case or situation and analysed in relation to relevant ethical, professional and legal considerations.
3. If you have recently completed your F2 year, you may still submit but the ethical issue outlined in your essay must have taken place during your F1 or F2 year.
4. Care should be taken to ensure complete patient confidentiality throughout your work.
5. Word count limit is 1500, excluding references and title. Essays which exceed this by >5% will be penalised and possibly excluded. Times New Roman 12 point font is recommended, with no images or borders. Please include the word count at the end of your essay.
6. References should be detailed at the end of the essay; maximum of 5 recommended.
7. Please ensure that your name and the date are on each sheet of your essay.
8. We are unable to accept handwritten applications.
9. Please note that the marking criteria is available for applicants to view via the IME website and can be used as guidance as to the format and content of essays.
10. Winning titles will be published on the IME website (just essay titles, not the essay).

11. Please submit your application form and essay via the online essay competition submission form which can be found at: <https://ime-uk.org/grants-and-competitions/essay-competition/>

Allowed file types: pdf, doc, docx, jpg, xls

12. The closing date for entries is **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 23.59**. We will be unable to consider essays received after this date.
13. The winners will be notified by email **by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022** and will receive the prize money in the form of a bank transfer and a certificate shortly afterwards.
14. Brief feedback will be provided.
15. Winning entrants will also be given a year's complimentary membership for the IME.
16. If you have any questions, please use the online essay competition submission form and we will respond asap.