British Hydrological Society

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Dear Sir or Madam

British Hydrological Society Student Award 2026

I am writing to draw your attention to the opportunity for your department to make a submission to compete for the British Hydrological Society's annual student award. The award is given to the dissertation from a final year undergraduate completing in 2026 on a hydrological subject. A £400 prize is available for the dissertation judged best with runners up receiving £200.

The Society's student award was launched in 2002, and excellent submissions have been received in previous years. I would therefore encourage you to consider making a submission for this year.

The rules specified for the awards are listed on p.2 of this letter. Please note that only one outstanding *undergraduate* dissertation will be accepted from each Department and that this dissertation must be commended by the student's supervising lecturer. It is expected that only an independent research project of outstanding quality will be submitted. The closing date for submissions is **Monday 13 July 2026**. Submissions should be sent by email to bhs_education@outlook.com. Reviewers will assess the dissertation 'blind' – they will not receive copies of covering letters.

A panel drawn from Main Committee members of the Society will assess the dissertations. All entrants will be informed of the Panel's decision by the end of August. The winner is hoped to be announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting (date to be confirmed) which will take place as part of the 16th BHS National Hydrology Symposium at the University of Leeds from 2-4 September 2026. The winner will also be announced in our *Circulation* publication and we will also ask them to write a short article about their dissertation.

Should you have any queries concerning this award or the Society then please contact bhs_education@outlook.com in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



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2026 BHS Student Award

Sponsored by: British Hydrological Society

Description:
Hydrology is primarily concerned with the amounts and quality of water moving and accumulating on the land surface and in the soils and rocks near the surface. It therefore encompasses water in rivers, lakes, aquifers and glaciers. Hydrology embraces a wide range of interests including scientific and engineering applications. In order to raise the status of hydrological education in Britain as well as to encourage hydrological study among undergraduates in civil engineering, environmental management and sciences and geography, the Society offers the 2026 BHS student awards for *undergraduate* students who have demonstrated excellence in the field by exhibiting personal initiative and innovation in research/design projects in hydrology.

Rules
Students can only be entered by their supervising lecturer, who must be on the staff of universities located within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Prizes are awarded on the achievement, relevance, originality and presentation of submitted final-year dissertations addressing scientific and applied issues in hydrology, judged by a panel drawn from the BHS Main Committee.

Method of Entry
It is expected that only dissertations of outstanding quality will be sent. Dissertations must be single-authored independent research projects, addressing scientific and/or applied issues in hydrology. A maximum of **one** submission will be accepted from each department and it should be sent by e-mail to bhs_education@outlook.com.

Entry Deadline
Entries must reach the BHS on or before **Monday 13 July 2026**

Judging Criteria
Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- Overall achievement in project
- Originality, or uniqueness of project
- Relevance to hydrology
- Standard of presentation

Prizes
The winning student will receive a cheque for £400. The two runners up will receive a cheque for £200.

About the British Hydrological Society

The BHS is an inter-disciplinary body, established in 1983, and caters for the needs of all those interested in any aspect of hydrology. It has more than 900 members. Students are eligible for a reduced concessionary membership subscription. http://www.hydrology.org.uk/