

## Ordnance Survey Student Award

Ordnance Survey (OS) have provided the British Cartographic Society (BCS) with an award to encourage the innovative use and visualisation of geographic data.

Entries will be considered by a panel of judges from OS. The panel will judge the entries on how effectively their visualisation communicates geographic data to the end user.

This could take the form of any type of geographic data visualisation or map for example a static map, dashboard, animation or analytical piece of work.

Both the innovative use of geographic data and the visual's design will be given an equal weighting when judged.

The winning entry will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at the BCS Annual Conference in September. The award comprises a £100 cash prize, a one-year subscription to the OS Maps web and mobile application, a trophy and a certificate both to be retained by the winner.

The winning entry will also be put forward for the BCS Award. Those commended will receive a certificate.

All entries will be exhibited at the BCS Annual Conference, and the winners published in The Cartographic Journal and on the BCS website following the Awards Ceremony.

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact us at

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### RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. The Competition is not restricted to BCS Members and is open to any student. Qualifying Entries can be from individuals doing full or part time education courses / studies.
2. By entering the Competition, the individual or organisation is confirming that their entry is either their own work or they have the permission of the copyright owner to submit the entry for this Competition.
3. Each entry should be submitted via the electronic form from the link supplied on the BCS website.
4. All entries will become the property of the BCS and will, where practicable, be placed in the library of the Society. They cannot normally be returned.
5. Each entry must be produced between 23rd June 2024 and 22nd June 2025.
6. By entering the Competition, entrants are giving a royalty free, non-exclusive, perpetual licence to BCS to exhibit (at their sole discretion) your entry at the symposium and to reproduce all or part of your entry in all BCS publications and on the BCS website. Due acknowledgment will be made to the entrant. For entries made using copyright material owned by a third party, entrants will procure that the copyright owner shall give a royalty free, non-exclusive, perpetual licence to BCS to exhibit (at their sole discretion) their copyright material at the symposium and to reproduce all or part of their copyright material in all BCS publications and on the BCS website.

7. Any number or entries may be submitted provided that each entry is:
  - a) distinctly different;
  - b) and has a completed entry form.
8. All entries must be in their finished state, although they need not be a complete product in their own right.
9. The closing date for receipt of entries is Sunday 22nd June 2025. Entries received after the closing date will not be considered. The entries must have been produced during the twelve calendar months preceding the closing date.
10. For Postal Entries the entrants are responsible for the safe delivery of their entry to the address given on the entry form by the closing date and no responsibility is taken by OS or BCS for lost, delayed, incomplete, damaged, corrupted or non-transmitted entries. All packages or envelopes containing entries should be clearly marked  
**'BCS Awards – 2025 Ordnance Survey Student Award'**.
11. By providing information, entrants consent to OS and BCS to administer their data for the administration of the Competition and any other purposes to which entrants have consented at the time of supplying it. Any personal data supplied by entrants will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.
12. By entering this Competition, entrants agree to participate in reasonable publicity arising from this Competition.
13. The name and hometown of the Competition winner will be supplied to applicants who write (enclosing a stamped address envelope) to: **'BCS Awards – 2025 Ordnance Survey Student Award', c/o Jim Goldsmith, BCS Awards Officer, Ordnance Survey, Adanac Drive, Southampton, SO16 0AS.**
14. The judges' decision is final and correspondence about the Competition and its results will not be entered into.
15. The winning entry will be automatically entered for the BCS Award. In the event that the BCS Award is won, the winner must ensure that the BCS Award Bowl is kept within the UK and insured for all risks under their business/home insurance while it is in their care. The BCS Award Bowl is to be returned to the BCS before the following Conference/Symposium, when requested, but the winner retains a smaller BCS Award trophy.
16. These rules shall be governed by English law and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction. The RULES OF THE COMPETITION apply to all competitors and those failing to comply with them will automatically be excluded.
17. If further details are required, please use this link: <http://www.cartography.org.uk/awards/>