

The 2020 Ian Mumford Award

Rules of the Competition

The British Cartographic Society's **Ian Mumford Award** is intended to encourage and recognize excellence in original cartographic research undertaken by university or college students who have been engaged in full- or part-time study:

- towards a recognized academic qualification (see Rule 1); and
- where cartography, maps or mapping forms the principal subject of research (see Rule 3).

Cartography is described as the art, science and technology of mapmaking. **The Ian Mumford Award** will focus on the study of cartography (including maps and/or mapping) that demonstrates **quality of original academic research** in the form of an individual research project. The research project may include the application of Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Geographic Information Science (GIS), or other software or hardware as necessary, but where cartography, maps or mapping forms its principal subject of investigation.

Each submission (one entry per person) will be assessed by a specially appointed panel of judges and monitored by the Council of the British Cartographic Society (BCS). Only research projects undertaken as an individual study are eligible for submission and it is essential that cartography, maps or mapping forms the subject of the submitted research project (see Rule 3).

The Award will be presented at the BCS Conference, usually held in September. The Award will consist of a £200 prize, a certificate, and membership of the BCS for one year. The BCS will arrange free entry for the winner and one guest to the BCS Conference, and will contribute towards off-peak travel expenses.

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1. One entry per person may be submitted:
 - by a student currently enrolled in any year of a university or college course leading towards the attainment of a recognized academic qualification;* or
 - by a student who has recently completed such a course.*

* Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree or Doctorate. Submissions are encouraged from students of any academic discipline or field of study (see Rules 2 and 3 below).
2. Any work completed within two years preceding the submission date is eligible. Therefore, each entry must be produced between 29th June 2018 and 27th June 2021.
3. The principal subject of the research project must be aligned to at least one of the following topics: cartography (as a discipline), maps (as the product of cartography), or mapping (as the process of cartography). Projects deemed by the Judging Panel to fall outside the scope of the Award will not be given further consideration. Maps produced by the applicant may form part of the project, but the focus of this award shall be the quality of original academic research.
4. All entries should be written in English and submitted as a digital copy in PDF (Portable Document Format), supplied via the upload link when completing the entry details. Incomplete submissions or corrupted files will not be considered by the Judging Panel.

5. All submissions must be entered using the official electronic entry form available on the BCS Website, and (2) a confidential summary of recommendation from the student's academic tutor or lecturer. The latter (2) must be submitted separately using the link available on the BCS website, to arrive no later than the closing date (see Rule 12): . If you have any issues with the uploading of your entry, please contact the "BCS Awards Officer" via <http://www.cartography.org.uk/awards/apply/>
6. Any piece of work submitted for this Award cannot be entered for any other BCS Award.
7. Late entries will not be considered.
8. The BCS cannot accept any responsibility for the loss or damage to any material submitted for the Award.
9. The Judges' decision is final and the BCS will not enter into correspondence about the result of the Award.
10. Entries failing to comply with the Rules will be automatically excluded.
11. By entering the competition, you are giving permission for the BCS to exhibit your entry at the BCS Conference and/or at other events and to reproduce all or part of your entry in any BCS publication, on the BCS website and in any other BCS promotion. This will be without payment of royalty, copyright, or reproduction fee.
12. Submissions must be completed and entered by **27th June 2021:**

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Electronic entry links and information are available on our website: <http://www.cartography.org.uk/awards/>