



Guidance and further information: IPEM/WCSIM Essay Prize



The IPEM and the Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers (WCSIM) Essay Prize is open to members of both organisations who are in the early stages of their career (typically within 10-15 years of graduation or of commencing their relevant employment).

The essay should be a maximum 1000 words and should be understood by members of the general public. A guide to essay writing is on the [WCSIM website](#). IPEM and WCSIM will each nominate a judge.

The Essay title is announced in Spring each year when a call for applications is made.

A prize of £500 and an IPEM Medal will be presented to the winner at one of the WCSIM's social events (the October banquet).

As part of the review process, in discussion with the awardee, IPEM/WCSIM will decide how to disseminate the success of the winning applicant. This may include, but is not limited to, a SCOPE article, or other IPEM media channels deemed appropriate and announced in the WCSIM's regular news bulletin and placed on both institutions' websites. The prize awardee will be asked to provide a brief paragraph and photo to be used in IPEM's media channels. Further details will be communicated when winners are notified.

WCSIM is one of the modern livery companies of the City of London and a charity which promotes the craft of scientific instrument making and the exchange of ideas and information by members and guests through meetings, visits, lectures and social events. WCSIM provides opportunities for members to encourage and support younger members and engage with schools at careers' fairs and support STEM days. The Livery encourages young people to participate in scientific instrumentation through grants, prizes, scholarships and apprenticeships. The Livery has relationships with a number of universities as well as the armed forces and the Arkwright Scholarship Scheme.

A link between IPEM and WCSIM meets the charitable objectives of both organisations and is mutually beneficial.