

FAQs FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Save Our Ocean, Protect Our Future – Competition

1. Who is eligible to participate in this competition?

- a. As the University of Bolton is sponsoring two students to visit Lisbon in the context of the United Nations Ocean Conference, is there an age requirement or any form of limitation to entering? Will mature students be allowed to enter?

There are no age restrictions on students entering the competition.

- b. Is this competition purely open to undergraduate students studying at the University of Bolton or can postgraduates enter the essay competition too?

The competition is open to all current students of the University regardless of the programme they are studying

- c. Is the competition open to all students from partner institutions of the University of Bolton?

Unfortunately, this competition is restricted to students studying on our main campus in Bolton, Regent College and Shockout Arts.

2. Is it possible to enter this competition and complete the assignment in a group?

Anyone entering the competition must do so individually and the work must be original and undertaken personally.

3. Is there a word limitation for the assignment?

There is a choice of two different styles of entry:

- ***An essay, which must be a maximum of 1000 words in double-space format, using the Times New Roman font, size 12pt.***

...or...

- ***An A1 poster submission accompanied by a 250-word commentary to discuss the points that have been raised in your poster. Your 250-word commentary must be in a double-space format, using the Times New Roman font, size 12pt.***

4. What is the submission date for the competition?

Submissions should be sent in PDF format by email to P.A.Foster@bolton.ac.uk by Thursday 31st March 2022.

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- a. What public speaking will I be expected to undertake should I enter the essay competition?
If you are one of the two winners of the competition, you must be prepared to say a few words of thanks and to either give a presentation in full, or provide a brief summary of the winning submission at the University conference, on campus on 28 April 2022, based on your winning essay or A1 poster/ commentary entry. (Please also see question 6.).

The student winners will not be required to give any presentations or undertake public speaking at the United Nations Ocean Conference in Lisbon.

- b. If I win the competition, what will I be invited/ asked to do in Lisbon?

The Consulate General of Portugal in Manchester will prepare a programme for your trip to Lisbon in the context of the United Nations Ocean Conference. You will visit Lisbon, in the context of the United Nations Ocean Conference and will not be required to perform any public speaking in Lisbon.

6. When will I find out the result of the competition?

The winners of the competition will be announced on Thursday 28th April at the conference taking place at the University of Bolton. The two winners of the competition must be prepared to say a few words of thanks and to give a presentation in full, or provide a brief summary of the winning submission.

7. What will happen to the other presentations that don't win?

All essays/ presentations that are entered for the competition will be published in a special digital programme.

8. Will I receive a certificate?

All participants will receive a certificate signed by the President & Vice Chancellor of the University and the Consul General of Portugal in Manchester.

9. Will I receive an award?

All participants will be awarded enrichment hours towards the completion of the Bolton Award.

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- a. Can I travel to Lisbon for the conference with a friend/ member of family?

The award and expenses purely cover the two individuals who win the competition. However, should you wish someone to accompany you then this will be possible, but they will need to be self-funded and must make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. Please be aware that all activities associated with the UNOC event are applicable only to the winners of the competition.

- b. I have disability related support needs; will they be accommodated should I win?

The University is committed to supporting students with additional needs related to their disability. If you win the competition, the University will endeavour to provide reasonable adjustments for your trip as appropriate. There may be elements of disability support for the trip that may fall outside of the responsibility of the University or that the University cannot provide. If you are the winner and have a registered disability, please speak with a member of the Disability Team for further information on what support is available.

The programme prepared by the Consulate General of Portugal in Manchester will accommodate students with additional needs related to their disability.

11. Should I be successful and win a trip to attend the United Nations Ocean Conference in Lisbon, please can you confirm the exact dates I will be in Portugal?

The exact dates of travel are to be confirmed.

12. Will travel and accommodation be arranged for me if I am successful in becoming one of the winners of the competition?

Travel, accommodation and meals at the hotel will be provided for the two competition winners. The arrangements will be made by the Student Experience Office.

13. Are all personal expenses incurred for the trip and/or is spending money included in the prize, should I win?

An allowance of 200 Euros will be given to each winner to cover any expenses additional to those set out as above.

14. Does my entry for the essay need to be split equally in three parts across all the questions mentioned in the topic title?

It is important for all entrants to carefully read the marking criteria documentation. Regardless of whether you write an essay or produce an A1 poster/ commentary, entrants are expected to provide a balanced answer which covers equally all three questions mentioned in the topic title.

15. I have various questions concerning the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and the impact this could have on my entry for the competition and possible travel to Lisbon, where can I find information about this?

Should you have any questions regarding Covid-19 then please contact:
studentlife@bolton.ac.uk

16. Should I be unable to attend the conference at the University of Bolton on Thursday 28th April due to a prior engagement or an unforeseen circumstance (not relating to Covid-19), will I still be able to enter the competition?

There is a condition of entry that you should attend the conference held on campus on the 28th April and if you will not be able to make it to the event at the University, you will not be eligible to receive the prize if your entry is chosen.

If you plan to attend but cannot because of legitimate unexpected reasons beyond your control, please contact: studentlife@bolton.ac.uk