

**ENTRY FORM**

**PAIN RELIEF FOUNDATION**

**MEDICAL STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION 2017**

**Name** .....

**Student ID number** .....

**Medical School** .....

**Year of study** .....

**Postal address** .....  
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**tel** .....

**email** .....

I enclose a printed copy of my essay **OR**

I have sent my essay as an email attachment in MS Word format to [julie.williams@painrelieffoundation.org.uk](mailto:julie.williams@painrelieffoundation.org.uk)

**I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES SET OUT BY THE PAIN RELIEF FOUNDATION**

**SIGNED:** .....

**Please sign this form and send by post to:**

**Mrs. J. Williams, Pain Research Institute, Clinical Sciences Centre,  
University Hospital Aintree, Lower Lane, Liverpool L9 7AL**

## **Pain Relief Foundation Medical Student Essay Competition RULES 2017**

1. The essay should be 3000 words or less. Essays of more than 3000 words will not be accepted. The judges are looking for a well written, original and interesting essay, rather than a scientific paper.
2. The essay topic must be about an aspect of **Chronic Pain**.
3. The entry must be word processed and well presented.
4. Please provide a **separate title page** showing the essay title, your name, your medical school and the word count.

On all pages of the essay please put the essay title as a header, and the page number as footer. Your name, medical school or other identifiers should not appear on any page other than the title page, otherwise we will return the essay to you for modification.

5. Entries must be accompanied by a **signed entry form sent by post**. Essays received without a signed entry form cannot be accepted. We cannot accept entry forms or essays sent by fax.
6. Essays may be submitted as a hard copy by post, or as a Microsoft Word document email attachment sent to **secretary@painrelieffoundation.org.uk** **Please specify on the entry form by ticking the correct box.**
7. Both the entry form and the essay must reach the Pain Relief Foundation by **31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 - late entries cannot be accepted**. We cannot make allowances for postage or email failure etc. We will notify you when we receive your entry.
8. The competition is open to medical students studying at a UK Medical School. Only single author entries can be accepted.
9. You must be available to present your essay to the Foundation in **November/ December 2017**. There is some flexibility in the presentation date. If the winner is not available to present their essay, then the prize will pass to the next best entrant who is available to present. Reasonable travel and accommodation (one night) expenses, up to a maximum of £175 will be reimbursed by the Foundation, subject to receipts being presented.
10. Members or relatives of staff or associates of the Pain Relief Foundation are not eligible for the competition.
11. Any suspicion of plagiarism will result in disqualification.
12. You will be notified of the results of the competition by October 2017 **by email**. The winner will receive a cheque for £500, after their presentation. The second (£75) and third (£50) prizes will be book tokens.
13. The judges' decision is final for all aspects of the competition.