

## **Girton College West Midlands Medic Prize**

### **Further Information 2024-2025**

This competition is an opportunity for students to research and present beyond the curriculum, using the topic set by our prize convenors, as their focus. This competition is open to State Schools in Girton College's Link Areas ([College Area Links | Undergraduate Study](#)) which are Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, and Wolverhampton.

This Prize has been set up to encourage you to read beyond the school syllabus, and research material under the general topic outlined. We have decided to request video submissions as verbal communication in Medicine is so important, in terms of speaking to your patients and the wider public. The judges are looking for a focussed talk which clearly and concisely explains the concept and can be understood by a range of viewers. It should engage the audience from the start and provide an appropriate level of detail. While visual props or background images may be selected, we are not looking for a PowerPoint presentation.

**Closing Date:** 5pm on Thursday 20 March, 2025.

Any questions regarding the prize should be directed to [medicprize@girton.cam.ac.uk](mailto:medicprize@girton.cam.ac.uk).

### **Prizes**

The prize fund consists of £250 cash for the first-place entry and book tokens from Cambridge University Press. Subsequent cash prizes and book tokens will be awarded to runners up. Funding is provided by the kind sponsorship of Dr Suzy Lishman, Honorary Fellow of Girton College. The prizes may be presented by Dr Lishman upon a visit to the applicant's school.

### **About Medicine at Girton College**

Medicine has a strong tradition in Girton. Our aim is for our graduates to be caring, kind and empathetic doctors, who are knowledgeable, reliable and trustworthy, with a robust scientific background. There is a large and supportive medical fellowship; the fellows in Medicine cover a range of disciplines, helping to prepare the students to be the doctors of tomorrow, in whatever branch of medicine they choose.

### **Competition Rules**

- 1) Submissions **must** create a video in response to the set topic: for 2025 this is 'Plants have been used for therapeutic purposes for thousands of years. With reference to a single plant of your choice, discuss its medicinal use, past, present and future.'
- 2) The time limit is 3 minutes.
- 3) There is no limit on entries per school.
- 4) Submissions should be presented in English.
- 5) Submissions are made on a digital form found here:  
[https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_01and0iDII6TzVQ](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_01and0iDII6TzVQ)

- 6) Submissions must be uploaded to Youtube using an unlisted link. If you are unfamiliar with the technology, please Google 'How to upload unlisted videos to Youtube'; you should find the help you need.
- 7) Video submissions should not state the applicants name or school.
- 8) Submissions made by email or post, or not uploaded to Youtube using an unlisted link, will not be considered.
- 9) Submissions accompanied by incomplete forms will not be considered. Please check your submission form carefully before sending.
- 10) Submissions received after the deadline (5pm, 20 March 2025) will not be considered.
- 11) Submissions must include a completed cover letter.
- 12) Applicants must currently be in Year 12 (or equivalent).
- 13) Applicants must be from a State School in one of Girton College's Link Areas – Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Wolverhampton.
- 14) Applicants must be resident in the UK.
- 15) It will not be possible to provide feedback on all the videos.
- 16) The judges reserve the right not to award prizes if there is no entry of sufficient merit, or to vary the prize amounts as befits the quality of deserving entries.