Clinical Genetics Society Medical Student Prize 2026-2027:
'Beyond diagnosis: what are the opportunities and risks of population-wide genomic screening?'
Deadline: 12pm GMT, Tuesday 1st December 2026

Entries are invited for the annual Clinical Genetics Society medical student essay prize. All medical students, including intercalating students, at UK-based medical schools are eligible to apply.

Prizes:

1st place: The winner can pick either of the two following options:

a) Free registration, up to 2 days accommodation, to attend the Clinical Genetics Society Meeting and Dinner in Sheffield on Tuesday 2nd March, 2027
Or
b) £250 cash prize

The winning essay will also be published in the abstract book for the conference and on the CGS website.

2nd place: certificate

3rd place: certificate

If an essay is judged (at the discretion of the judges) to be highly commendable, it will receive an additional prize of £100.

Details regarding submission:

- Title: 'Beyond diagnosis: what are the opportunities and risks of population-wide genomic screening?'
- Length: Up to 2,000 words (excluding title and references)
- AI tools can be used in an assistive role only - generating ideas/brainstorming, research, or outlining is acceptable but AI tools should be used for ideas only. Structure and content of essay should be written by candidate and no auto-generated text should be used. Proper citation and a declaration of how AI was used is mandatory.
- All submissions must commence with the following table:

Full name	
Contact email address	
Year of study	
Medical school	
Declaration of academic integrity	By submitting this essay, I confirm that this submission is my own original work, and that references are used to acknowledge any content or quotations included in my essay. **AI-assisted tools used (if applicable):** Tool(s): Purpose of use: Description of assistance received:

- Entries must be received by 12pm GMT, 1st December 2026. Submit via email to **j.garcia-frutos@soton.ac.uk**
- There is no preferred referencing system as long as each entry is consistent throughout
- If there are any questions, please contact: **j.garcia-frutos@soton.ac.uk**
    - Please do not ask for advice regarding essay content as this will not be provided
- The winner will be announced by 12th January 2027
- We are not able to provide individual feedback
- Please note, if there is any evidence of a breach of academic integrity, CGS will contact the student's medical school
- Previous years' winners can be seen here: https://www.clingensoc.org/prizes-grants/medical-students-essay-prize/