

MARY MACPHERSON ESSAY PRIZE

This Prize was established at Bedford College in 1940 by a bequest from the late Fenton Macpherson in memory of his wife, a former student of the College.

Mr Macpherson spent his working life in Fleet Street and it was his hope that essays submitted for the Prize might reveal a hitherto hidden talent for good quality journalism. The Prize was intended to encourage the ability to write cogent, concise essays in good English, particularly by students considering a career in journalism.

Conditions of the Prize:

1. The Prize is open to undergraduate students from any academic department of the College.
2. The Prize is awarded for a piece of journalistic writing of high distinction. The subject and genre of the essay is to be chosen by the candidate.
 - A piece of 'journalistic writing' is defined as work that requires first-hand research by the applicant, that is based around a central concept and that offers new information on a subject of current interest.
3. The essay shall not normally exceed 1,200 words in length.
4. The Travel Awards and College Prizes Allocation Panel will consider applications for the Award before making a recommendation to the Academic Awards Group.
5. The winning essay will be published on the Royal Holloway Travel Awards and College Prizes webpage.