The Global Undergraduate Awards (GUA) is the world’s leading, pan-discipline undergraduate awards programme for English-language research. GUA is a unique platform for the world’s most inspiring students to benchmark their work on a global scale, and ultimately, have this work recognised by an independent panel of academic and industrial judges of the highest standard within their discipline. This work culminates in The Global Undergraduate Summit embracing these students, enabling them to showcase their outstanding research to an audience of peers, academics and future employers, as they transition to be the next generation of change-makers.

It’s phenomenal to be recognised for the amount of work you put into your undergraduate research. Even if you think you are not worthy, you are, and you already did the hard part. Submit the work today and be recognised for your hard work.

Victor Sosanya - University of Warwick
Economics
Global Winner 2022

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OUR PASSION

Founded in Ireland in 2008, The GUA is the world’s leading academic awards programme, identifying and connecting the top undergraduate researchers, writers and creators from around the world across the sciences, business, humanities and creative arts. Our core values of innovation, collaboration, ambition, impartiality and inclusiveness focus on empowering students, helping them to recognise the potential their undergraduate work can have in making real change. We wish to connect the world’s brightest students and graduates early in their career to give them the confidence to acknowledge and harness their talents to build a brighter future. Celebrating the passion and excellence of undergraduate students in their chosen fields, and helping them explore how that passion can be deployed in making the world a better place for all.

THE PROCESS

Every year, GUA coordinates the awards programme for penultimate and final year undergraduate students, as well as students who have graduated within the programme year. Entrants can submit their work to one of our 25 categories, which represent a broad range of academic disciplines.

This work is then anonymously assessed by a panel of international academics and industry leaders between June and September and divided into four stages. The best 10% of work is shortlisted as Highly Commended. Regional Winners represent the best Highly Commended papers within each category across each of the 7 regions and the top submission in each category is deemed the Global Winner.
THE JUDGES

Hundreds of academics from around the world volunteer in our judging process, determining winners based on the originality and rigor of the work.

The Judging Process has been designed to be exceptionally rewarding and an enriching experience for all. Allowing for connection and collaboration between academics and specialists from across the world and a platform for further work and networking.

Judges are also actively encouraged to join us at the summit to inspire the attendees, exchange ideas and share their own work as keynote speakers and panel members.

Judging is a highly rewarding experience - I love reading the submissions. It is greatly enjoyable to be working with the judging panel and interesting to see which papers proceed further.

Dr Astrid Sasse
Chair Judge of Chemical & Pharmaceutical Sciences

THE TEAM

The Global Undergraduate Awards is a labour of love and we are very proud of what we do. Our core executive team consists of 5 dedicated multidisciplinary specialists, international academics, lecturers and global citizens. Supported by a vast knowledge base from dedicated volunteer judges, worldwide campus ambassadors, enthusiastic alumni, a board of governors and patrons our non-profit organisation draws strength on its focus to recognise talent and encourage thought leadership.
Our Reach

The GUA’s global network continues to grow year after year, as new students submit their work and consequently engage with alumni across the world.

- **12k+ subscribers** to our monthly newsletter
- **1.9k Instagram followers**, with an average reach of 917k in 2022
- **2k+ LinkedIn followers**, 36.4% increase in organic followers each month and a reach of 60K in 2022
- **275k+ visitors** to our website each year, averaging 5.5k per week
- **3.7k+ Twitter followers**, average 10k impressions per month
- **9.6k followers**, with a reach of 2.35 million in 2022 and 500k+ organic impressions per week during summit

Surreal, really exciting, surrounded by really enthusiastic people like me, hearing what everyone has to say from all over the globe and recognising top achieving thought leaders.

**Sahil Tiku**
The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau
Art History & Theory
Global Winner 2022
It’s a rare opportunity, to have a space to offer thoughts on making a global difference at undergraduate level, and get a sense of that higher thought and your part within it.

Seow Ting Low
Nanyang Technological University
Nursing, Midwifery & Allied Healthcare
Global Winner 2022
All winning entrants have the opportunity to attend our Global Summit and publish their research in our online journal, which is an exceedingly rare but valuable opportunity at the undergraduate level.

Looking to go beyond adding an extra line to CVs. The Global Summit encourages acknowledgment of worth and helps shape our future change makers with an opportunity to recognise unique skills, talents, and qualities, and to value their vision. Setting personal goals, exploring interests, seeking feedback from others, and focusing on personal growth and development the culmination of our programme centers on 3 days of intellectual debate, workshops and international idea forums to formulate International friendship and promote collaboration.

In 1785, Thomas Clarkson entered an essay competition at the University of Cambridge on the topic of “Is it lawful to make slaves of others against their will?”. In researching and reading around this topic in preparation for the essay competition, Clarkson became an abolitionist as he learned more of the horrors of slavery. This one essay changed the course of history as one of the most effective slave abolitionists came to the fore.

The essay was the beginning of a path that saw Clarkson help found the Society for Effecting the Abolition of Slavery and to enact the Slave Trade Act of 1807, which ended British trade in slaves. In recognition of this, The Global Undergraduate Awards named the Gold Medal after Thomas Clarkson to highlight the potential of well-crafted research and its power to change the world.

Kenna White
Ulster University
Earth & Environmental Sciences
Global Winner 2022
Your work is deeply personal and that’s why there is so much passion behind it. The undergraduate awards are about making a difference in the world, through every medium possible, and it is an amazing thing to be a part of.

Bailey Thompson, Bruce Gillespie, Adam Kidd and Parth Vachharajani
Western University – Engineering Group Project
Global Winners 2022

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