



## Chester Archaeological Society

# Undergraduate Dissertation Prize

The Chester Archaeological Society offers an annual prize of £100 for the best final year dissertation in the Department of History and Archaeology at the University of Chester, preferably on a local subject.

The Society promotes the preservation, study and appreciation of the archaeology and history of Chester, Cheshire and North Wales. Its *Journal* contains peer-reviewed articles containing original research.

The Society accordingly offers an annual prize of £100 for the best final year dissertation in the fields of history, archaeology, architectural history and conservation, preferably on a local topic. The author will be invited to submit an edited version of the dissertation for publication in the Society's *Journal*.

At its discretion the Society may award the prize for a dissertation on a non-local topic if the quality of the work warrants it, although such a dissertation would not be considered for publication in the *Journal*. It also reserves the right not to award the prize if it considers that there are no dissertations of the appropriate quality.

With their authors' permission, a short-list of dissertations will be selected by staff of the department. The winner will be decided by a sub-committee of the Society's Council and announced in the October following submission.

The winning dissertation will normally meet all the department's criteria for a first-class degree. In particular it will:

- Demonstrate new knowledge or a novel perspective
- Demonstrate an outstanding command of relevant background knowledge
- Be clearly and coherently argued and display near-perfect spelling, grammar and syntax
- Be easily understood by people who are not familiar with the topic or period of history.

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