

Fitzwilliam College Land Economy Essay Competition 2023

Fitzwilliam College is pleased to release the questions for the 2023 Land Economy essay competition. Land Economy is an exciting and diverse undergraduate course at the University of Cambridge. It encompasses a mix of topics relating to law, economics, environment, business, and finance, and Fitzwilliam's annual essay competition encourages students in year 12 (or equivalent) to explore these themes. Applicants should choose one of the following questions to answer for 2023:

1. Is hydraulic fracturing (also known as fracking) a viable solution to address the UK national shortages in gas supply?
2. The Conservative government under Liz Truss proposed a macro-economic framework based on 'trickle-down economics'. Discuss the implications that such a macro-economic policy recipe would have for 'levelling up', in light of the high territorial inequality between different parts of the UK.
3. 'The UK government should scrap planning regulations to allow for the construction of more houses, infrastructures, and industrial estates.' Discuss this statement, possibly drawing on examples from your own area of residence.

Competition Rules

This essay competition is for students in their penultimate year of education - Year 12 (Eng + Wales), S5 (Scotland), Y13 (NI) or equivalent overseas. International applicants are welcomed but the essay must be written in English. Applicants will be required to enter their details online and to either upload one PDF copy of their essay electronically **or** post a hard copy to:

Schools Liaison Officer
Fitzwilliam College
Cambridge
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by **6pm** on Wednesday **1st of March 2023**. If the PDF file is too large to submit to the online form, please email your submission to essaycompetitions@fitz.cam.ac.uk. Further submission information can be found on the essay competition website:

<https://www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/admissions/events-prospective-students/essay-competitions>.

Your submission must be entirely your own work. When submitting your essay you will need to provide contact information for one of your teachers and if necessary we may contact them to verify that your submission is entirely your own work. Students are only permitted to enter one competition and may only submit one entry to their chosen competition. There is a strict limit of five submissions per school for each essay competition. If more than five students from the same school enter the same competition, a teacher from that school will be contacted and asked to select the five entries; failure to do so will result in all submissions from the school to that competition being disqualified.

Essays should be less than 2500 words long, and contain a list of works consulted and cited at the end. This bibliography is excluded from the word limit, but any footnotes are included. Guidance on referencing is available on the website. Applicants must ensure that pages are numbered and that their full name is on each page.

Prizes:

The prize fund (per competition) is £300 with a first prize of £200 and highly commended applicants being awarded a £25 book voucher. A prizegiving ceremony will be held in summer 2023.

For further information about the competition, please contact:

essaycompetitions@fitz.cam.ac.uk.

For questions about the Land Economy course, please contact:

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