

Fitzwilliam College Land Economy Essay Competition 2024

Fitzwilliam College is pleased to release the questions for the 2024 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 2024:

- 1) When it comes to decarbonizing the economy, "it's not terribly difficult to know what needs to be done, though it is of course immensely difficult to get the relevant actors (government and others) to do it" (Barry, 1999). Discuss this statement, preferably drawing on evidence from the UK.
- 2) The current Conservative government led by Rishi Sunak has unexpectedly decided to scrap part of the HS2 project. Irrespective of your overall political views towards the current government, do you think this was a sound decision from an economic point of view?
- 3) Some claim that modern communication platforms, such as Zoom, and the work-from-home revolution will lead to a decline of inner cities. Do you agree?

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 Friday 1st of March 2024**. 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 2024.

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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