



# The Hugo Young Award

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The Hugo Young Award is about discovering a new generation of political opinion writers. We're searching for fresh talent - those who are challenging conventions and plotting their own paths. Because in these tumultuous times, where our perspectives can so easily be distorted, the world needs inspirational writing that it can believe in.

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The Hugo Young Award, hosted by The Guardian Foundation, celebrates Hugo's legacy by encouraging authentic voices, new perspectives and good political writing.

With that in mind we're inviting post-graduate journalism students from any UK university to enter the competition by writing a political opinion essay.

What your piece should include:

- Between 900 and 1,000 words
- A strong argument and grasp of the facts
- Broad, timely, national and international news topics
- A subject you feel passionate about - it could be one that you feel we don't cover enough
- We're keen to hear from people from all sorts of backgrounds, about any kind of idea. Your piece should be suitable for publication toward the end of March 2019.

## **The judging**

The pieces will be shortlisted and judged by a panel made up of senior Guardian journalists and Guardian Foundation trustees.

The writers of the shortlisted entries will be notified by 15th March 2019.

## **The prize**

The winner will have their piece published in the Guardian, have the opportunity to shadow the Guardian's political editor, in the lobby and receive a cash prize of £500.

## **The award ceremony**

The winner will be revealed at an award event on 21st March 2019 which the writers of the shortlisted pieces will be invited to. So please save the date.

## **The deadline**

Please send us your entry no later than 23:59 3rd February 2019 to [guardianfoundation@theguardian.com](mailto:guardianfoundation@theguardian.com) from your student email account.

You can find the full guidelines online and terms and conditions here: [theguardian.com/hugo-young-2018](https://theguardian.com/hugo-young-2018)

We're looking forward to reading your pieces.