

SAPD Open Research Competition 2022/2023: Guidelines

How to enter

Eligible participants can enter the competition, either as individuals or as teams.

Entries must be submitted using the [entry form](#).

For the Research-active staff and ECR category:

A case study of no more than 600 words in length should discuss the use of one or more open practices in the conduct of your research and/or communication of outputs and a statement on how this helped your research.

We encourage the submission of case studies that explore the challenges and difficulties of making open choices as well as those that celebrate positive experiences and successful outcomes. We are looking for candid accounts of researchers' motivations for making (or not making) open choices, which offer reasoned assessments of the pros and cons of being open, and are honest about where things did not work or could have been done differently.

The case study should cover the points listed below.

- Introduction, providing a brief description of your case study
- Description of the research context in which you employed the open practices
- What open practices you used and why
- What barriers or challenges you encountered, and how you handled these
- What benefits were realised, and for whom, as a result of using the open practices
- What lessons you learnt from the experience
- Conclusion, summarising your main take-away message

Entrants should use the guidance below to ensure that entries are within the brief. Please note that research-related impact and public outreach activities are not within scope of Open Research.

For the student category:

A poster of no more than one A4 page should showcase what Open Research is, what it means to you, and how you (could) make use of Open Research during your studies. This can include photo's, drawings, or other artwork, as well as short sections of text.

We encourage the submission of posters that explore the challenges and difficulties of using Open Research practices in your studies as well as those that celebrate positive experiences. We are looking for accounts of your beliefs on what place Open Research can have in your studies, which offer reasoned assessments of the pros and cons.

In summary, the poster should cover the following points:

- Representation of what Open Research is
- Representation of what Open Research means to you
- How you (could) make use of Open Research in your studies
- Exploration of the challenges and difficulties of using Open Research in your studies
- Celebration of positive experiences with Open Research

For all categories:

In all categories entrants should use the Open Research objectives and practices to identify suitable subjects for their case study or poster:

Open Research objectives

Entrants should describe or reflect on activities that align to one or more of the following Open Research objectives:

- making the outputs of research, including publications, data, code and other research materials **accessible and re-usable** by means of publication under open or broadly permissive licences
- using digital tools and services and/or computational solutions to make scientific research more **transparent** and **reproducible**
- using alternative models of publication and peer review to make the **dissemination** and **certification** of research faster and more transparent
- using open **collaborative** methods and tools to increase efficiency and widen participation in research

Open practices

The case study should describe one or more of the open practices listed below. For more information about these, please refer to the web page [12 things you can do to be open](#).

- using publication under an open or broadly permissive licence to communicate research outputs, which may include publications, data, software code, and web resources
- disseminating research findings as a preprint, either independently of formal submission to a journal, or as part of a journal's open peer review procedure
- providing open peer review services for one or more papers submitted under a formal peer review process managed by a publisher
- creating a public pre-registration of a study design or publishing a study as a registered report
- publishing a data paper or software paper
- incorporating open and participatory methods into the design and conduct of research, e.g. by using open notebook-based methods or creating a project using a 'citizen science' online platform
- introducing Open Research concepts and practices into teaching and learning
- creating new tools or technologies to facilitate Open Research practices, e.g. for combining or repurposing datasets and other research outputs from different locations or disciplines, or for mining content
- undertaking activities to develop the environment for Open Research, e.g. by engaging in high-profile communications, by causing a journal to adopt pro-Open Research policies, or by participating in community initiatives to develop data or metadata standards

Rules

1. Research-active members of staff, registered doctoral research students, registered graduate students, and registered undergraduate students are eligible to submit entries.

2. Entries must be submitted using the entry form. The closing date for entries is Thursday 6th of April at 5pm.
3. Entries may be submitted by individuals or teams. Team entries must be submitted by the team lead.
4. The sole or lead entrant must be a current member of staff or a registered (doctoral research) student, and expect to continue as a member of the University until at least Friday 30th of June 2023. They (or a team member who is also a member of the University in the case of team entries) must be available to give a short presentation based on their case study/poster at the SAPD OR Seminar on Wednesday 31st May 1-2.30 pm.
5. For team entries, team members may include non-research staff or individuals from outside the University. We regret that prize payments cannot be made to members of staff without SDA accounts or to individuals who are not members of the University.
6. The panel of judges will determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place of the SAPD Open Research Competition. The shortlisted entries will be notified no later than Wednesday the 17th of May. (The winner of the competition, and the placement of the other shortlisted entries, will be announced at the SAPD OR Seminar). The winners of each category will be invited to give a 10-minute presentation and second place winners will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation based on their case study/poster at the SAPD OR Seminar on Wednesday 31st of May 1-2.30 pm. Presentations must be recorded in advance of the event and made available to the organisers in case of emergency and for publicity purposes after the event.
7. If a shortlisted entry is unable to field someone to present at the conference, the entry will be removed from the shortlist and the prize will be reallocated. In the case of team entries, the lead entrant will be expected to present the case study/poster, but they may co-present with other team members (who may include up to two team members from outside the University). If the lead entrant is unable to present, another team member who is also a member of the University may be substituted.
8. Entrants give permission to the University to make the recording of their presentation publicly available, to publish an edited version of the case study/poster and to disseminate it via internal and external communication channels. Case studies/posters will be published after the SAPD OR Seminar and promoted in the Autumn term.
9. The winners of the competition and the placement of the other top 3 entries will be announced at the SAPD OR Seminar on Wednesday 31st of May 1-2.30 pm.
10. Prize money will be paid shortly after the SAPD OR Seminar.