

BDSA announces Research Summit

The British Dental Students Association (BDSA) is thrilled to announce the re-launch of the Research Summit in 2024, taking place at the annual conference at King's College London.

The conference will take place on 24 and 25 February 2024, with the Research Summit featuring on Sunday 25 February.

The aim of the Research Summit will be to empower students with a chance to connect to the wider dental community beyond dental school. Research is pivotal in dentistry, influencing standards, good practice, and advances in oral health. The BDSA Research Summit presents an exceptional and coveted opportunity for dental students to present the results of their academic endeavours.

Research submissions

Commenting on the research submissions, Aliysha Rahman, BDSA Academic Officer, said: 'As a dental student, I understand the demanding workload that dental students face. Therefore, we have designed the Research Summit to be not only informative but also enjoyable and manageable. To facilitate this, all research submissions will take the form of abstracts.

Your submissions will be read by distinguished academics from King's College London who will carefully select a winner and a highly commended student.

The winning student will not only

showcase their work at the BDSA Conference, but also enjoy the privilege of having their research published in *BDJ Student*.

Additionally, they will be sponsored by Curaden UK to partake in the Peniche Surf Camp in August 2024. This incredible opportunity includes engaging in an ITOP workshop amidst the sun and sea in Portugal. The highly commended winner will receive an exclusive Curaprox Goodie bag valued at over £100 and a personal invitation to a UK ITOP Introductory course at their new office in Northampton. Moreover, all submitted student works will be compiled into a 'Book of Abstracts,' accessible on the BDA website, and distributed to peers after the conference.'

The timeline for the event is as follows:

Submissions are currently open, please fill out the Microsoft Form below <https://forms.office.com/e/K3pe4ew2nX?origin=lprLink>

All students have until 19 January, 2024 to submit their work, and the winning student will be informed no later than 5 February to begin preparations for their presentation at the Research Summit.

Criteria for participating dental students:

- All UK undergraduate dental students are eligible for submission (including non-BDSA members)
- Open to all dental-related research
- All submissions should be made as abstracts and must be original and not have been published elsewhere.



All abstracts must follow the following format:

- Title
- Background
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

Word limit should not exceed 500 words.

For additional guidance, please visit the BDSA *Instagram* page, or if you have any specific questions, do not hesitate to reach out to Aliysha Rahman at rsubmissions24@gmail.com.