

Mountford Humanities and Arts Communications Prize

We would like those entering the contest to submit an abstract in advance, and if selected, deliver an 8 minute talk, aimed at 18 year-olds (who are not necessarily studying humanities or arts).

Inventiveness in props and visual aids is encouraged, and a PowerPoint display (maximum of five slides) will be available if you wish.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to join Margaret Mountford, the other judges and Girton Fellow, Dr Liliana Janik, for dinner on Monday 16 February 2026. After which there will be drinks, discussion and some super presentations in the Fellows' Rooms.

Prize information:

There will be four prizes:

- Best Abstract prize
- Judges' prize
- Audience prize
- Lawrence Room prize

Eligibility criteria:

- The competition is open to undergraduate students and those studying for a masters degree at Girton College, University of Cambridge.

Submission details:

- Submit a title and abstract (maximum length 250 words) as a .docx Word document.
- File name: **humartcomm2026XXX.docx** where 'XXX' are your initials. Do not include your name in the abstract document.
- Your submission must be sent to lj102@cam.ac.uk by 5pm on Thursday 12 February 2026.