



THT RESEARCH ESSAY PRIZE

Announcement



The Prize

The **Templar Heritage Trust (THT)** has established an annual **THT Research Essay Prize** in order to promote academic research into the medieval Order of Knights Templar and their period of history, with a particular emphasis on under-researched topics.

- The prize-winner will receive a **grant of £ 500 from the THT** to be used for further study and/or research into the Templars, the Crusades, and/or other monastic and chivalric orders.
- By kind permission of the Editorial Board of *Ordines Militares*, and subject to the Editorial Board's approval, the winning submission will be **published in the next edition of the journal, "Ordines Militares"**. *Please note that "Ordines Militares" is an 'open access' journal.*

Essay Theme

The theme for the 2025 Prize is: **"The Templars and Water"**. This theme may include any of the following topics:

- Templar irrigation systems
- Provision of drinking water at Templar castles and estates
- Templar use of mechanical water power
- The Templar navy
- Templar sea trade

Eligible Applicants

Applications for this Prize are open to **graduate students and to early career researchers** (up to 5 years after a PhD).

Submission Requirements

Submissions for the THT Research Essay Prize are to be:

- between 8,000 and 15,000 words;
- written in English, French, or German;
- with the author's name, current academic qualifications, and current study and/or employment status appended.

Submissions must be accompanied by a brief letter, confirming the applicant's qualifications and status, from an appropriate person (such as a recent or current tutor, supervisor, or employer) who knows the graduate student or early career researcher well.

Submissions are to be sent, **to arrive at the latest by 12.00 midnight (UK time) on Friday 27 June 2025**, to:
submissions@thetemplarheritagetrust.org.uk

Assessment Process

Submissions are to be assessed by the members of the **THT Academic Advisory Panel**. The Panel will recommend an appropriate winning entry for approval by the **THT Board of Trustees**.

In the event that the THT Academic Advisory Panel considers that no submission has reached the appropriate academic standard, then no Prize will be awarded in 2025.

- It is expected that the prize-winner will receive notification regarding the grant from the THT by Wednesday 27 August 2025.
- It is expected that the prize-winner will receive notification regarding publication in "Ordines Militares" by Thursday 27 November 2025.