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DAVID MARLOW PRIZE

For an article on:

Climate change and Queensland's planning systems

Guidelines for Applicants

Background to the Prize

1. The Royal Society of Queensland Research Fund was established to support curiosity-led research and investigation in the sciences. Policy allows substantial donations to be steered towards a particular subject field.
2. Society member **Mr David Marlow** has donated funds to allow a prize to be offered for a paper generally on the theme of land use planning and climate change.

Nature of the Prize

3. Applications are called for original writing on the theme of "Given climate change, how can Queensland's planning systems be rendered fit for purpose?" Submissions received by **31 December 2023** will be assessed by a panel of not fewer than three experts.
4. The author of the article that the Society's Council on advice from the panel deems to be the most meritorious will receive a purse of \$1000.
5. All articles that are deemed by the panel to meet the conventional standards of peer review will, with the consent of the author(s), be submitted for publication in volume 133 of the *Proceedings of The Royal Society of Queensland*, a Special Issue on "Planning and climate change". See <https://www.royalsocietyqld.org/proceedings-133/> for details of the Special Issue.
6. The Prize complements a seminar to be held on Saturday 21 October 2023 at Griffith University, Southbank. However, papers submitted for the Prize are not intended to be presented in person at the seminar and authors may consider the findings of the seminar when drafting their submissions.
7. Papers submitted after the deadline may be eligible for publication in the *Proceedings* but not for the Prize.

Eligibility of applicants

8. Any person or group of persons may submit an entry. Councillors, employees or contractors of the Society may submit papers for publication but are not eligible for the Prize. No preference will be shown for applicants who are members of the Society.

Format and scope of submissions

9. To comply, articles must be original writing that has not previously been published. Articles can be based upon chapters of a research dissertation if they can be deemed to not have been previously published in the new format.
10. Articles can be in either essay or scientific format, corresponding to a Research Article, an Opinion Piece, a Short Communication or an Historical Review as outlined in the style guide. An author wishing to review an existing field should ensure that there is a strong original interpretation and not just a summary of previously published material.

11. Length can be between about 1000 words and about 10,000 words.
12. Articles should conform to the modified-APA style guide of volume 133 of the *Proceedings*, as available on the [website of the Society](#). Minor departures from style will not be down-marked during the assessment but successful authors will be requested to render their pieces in conformity with style before publication.
13. All potential conflicts of interest must be declared, including any financial sponsorship that the author enjoys from any interested party.

Selection criteria

14. Successful applications will demonstrate the following to the satisfaction of the panel:
 - originality;
 - sheds light on the theme;
 - logic: demonstrating the application of rational analysis to objective evidence;
 - readability to an informed but not necessarily expert audience.

Procedures

15. Applications must be in writing, submitted in Word (preferred) or PDF format to allow annotation by referees.
16. The recommendations of the panel will be submitted to the Council of the Society for approval. The Council's decision will be final. However, it is open to Council to award a second prize for a runner-up contribution, if additional funding becomes available.

Background to the Society, the Proceedings and the Research Fund

17. The Royal Society of Queensland is the State's pre-eminent scholarly institution and was founded in 1884. It is a generalist scientific society and welcomes membership from all persons interested in the advancement of knowledge and evidence-based policy formulation and decision-making.
18. Its *Proceedings* have been in continuous publication since 1884. It is Queensland's primary generalist scientific journal. All articles are peer-reviewed. The journal is indexed by Scopus, EBSCO, Informit and Google Scholar. All articles since volume 124 are open access online.
19. The Society may open a round of its Research Fund in a nominated field that takes account of the preference of a substantial donor. Donations are tax deductible. Contact the Research Coordinator on research AT royalsocietyqld.org.au or visit the [Society's website](#) for banking details.

General information about the Society and its *Proceedings* can be found on the website www.royalsocietyqld.org.

Enquiries about the Prize can be addressed to planning AT royalsocietyqld.org.au.

Date

Submissions must be lodged by **midnight on 31 December 2023** addressed to the Secretary, The Royal Society of Queensland, rsocqld@gmail.com .

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Email contact
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Date

DAVID MARLOW WRITING PRIZE

The Secretary
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Dear Secretary

I attach for consideration a submission for the David Marlow Writing Prize.

I confirm that this article has not been previously published either in peer-reviewed or non-peer reviewed outlets.

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Yours faithfully

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