SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AUSTRALIA GROUP 2020 ESSAY COMPETITION

RULES AND GUIDELINES

BACKGROUND

The Society of Chemical Industry (SCI) is a unique multi-science and multidisciplinary forum where science meets business. It was founded in London in 1881, and in 1999 merged with the Society of Chemical Industry of Victoria (SCIV) from which the SCI Australia Group was formed.

To encourage Australian STEM students to demonstrate their written communication skills, the SCI Australia Group is offering essay prizes in 2020 to BSc (or equivalent) Honours Students for original work carried out as part of their Honours Degree project.

For more information about SCI, please check their website: www.soci.org .

ELIGIBILITY

The Essay Competition is open to all BSc or equivalent Honours students of chemistry, chemical engineering or a related discipline attending an Australian university.

VALUE OF PRIZES

Up to three prizes will be awarded, valued at AUD 750, AUD 500 and AUD 250. Prizes will be awarded at a ceremony on a date and location to be determined. In addition, prize winners will be offered 1 year's free membership to SCI, which will include access to the monthly publication "Chemistry & Industry" and be eligible to obtain other SCI publications at a substantial discount.

Note that the SCI Australia Group Committee which will act as the judging panel reserves the right not to award a prize or prizes if entries are not deemed to be of a satisfactory standard. The decision of the Committee shall be final.

SUBJECT MATTER

Competitors will be required to submit an essay describing the work conducted in their Honours Project. They will be required to include contextual aspects of their project, key results and findings, and a discussion about the relevance and applicability of their work to the wider community, particularly the business and industrial community. They should comment if any of their work is being published in peer reviewed scientific journals, or is the subject of a patent application.

LENGTH

The essay should be approximately 2000 words in length, not including footnotes, references, graphs, tables, diagrams, drawings and photos, but in any event not longer than 4000 words.

SUBMISSION

The essay must be in English and should be submitted electronically as a Word document to the Chair of the SCI Australia Group, Dr Richard Thwaites: Richard.thwaites@bigpond.com

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

All entries must be received by **COB Friday October 30th, 2020.**

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It is recognised that the copyright of essays remains with the authors. The SCI Australia Group will ensure publication of the prize winning essays on the SCI website – www.soci.org

CERTIFICATION AND ORIGINALITY

All entries must be certified as the original work of the entrant. Competitors should get appropriate certification from their Supervisor(s). Entries may be subjected to tests for plagiarism.