



The National Watershot Prize

Terms and conditions

Team entries

Where a team applies and is awarded a prize, Water UK will pay the prize money to the lead applicant who will be responsible for all correspondence and for distributing the prize money among the team as they see fit.

Eligibility and conflicts of interest

Applicants must disclose any potential conflicts of interest at the time of entry. This includes, but is not limited to, declaring where any applicant is employed by, affiliated to or performs services on behalf of any public body or an organisation exercising public functions. Failure to declare any such relationship may result in disqualification.

Water UK's assessment of any conflict of interest and decision as to whether an application is eligible will be final. Water UK shall have no obligation to provide reasons for its decision.

Due diligence and payment

Due diligence checks will be carried out before any prize is awarded. Water UK may request additional information from applicants to support this verification process. Any delay or failure to provide this evidence to Water UK's reasonable satisfaction may result in the entry being disqualified.

The award of a prize does not constitute an endorsement, sponsorship, or guarantee by Water UK of the recipient, their wider work or activities, or any claims made in relation to their research.

Submitted material and publicity

By entering, applicants confirm their submission is their own original work, or that of their team, and that they have the right to submit it.

Water UK may use the applicant's name, project title, subject matter, and any photographs or videos captured at the award ceremony to promote the Watershot Prize, including in promotional materials which may be published online. Applicants should notify Water UK if they do not consent to having their image used in the way described here.



Judging decisions

All judging decisions are final. Judges are entitled to exercise their discretion in awarding the prizes and shall not be obliged to enter into any correspondence regarding the outcome of the Watershot Prize. Water UK reserves the right not to award the prize in a given year if no entry is considered to be of sufficient merit.

Disqualification

Water UK reserves the right to disqualify any entry found to breach the eligibility criteria, to contain plagiarised or fraudulent material, or to fail due diligence checks. Such disqualification may occur at any stage, including after an award has been made.

Data protection

By entering, applicants agree that any personal information provided with their entry may be held and used by Water UK or its agents and suppliers for the following purposes:

- processing applications, making and administering the Watershot Prize, monitoring, evaluation, reporting,
- evaluating and assessing activities, research outputs and impacts arising from the prize,
- in connection with any independent internal and external audit of Water UK, and
- processing prize awards and finances.

Entry details will be shared with members of the judging panel as well as with Water UK.

Water UK will be entitled to publish details of prize winners and their outputs, including their names, university or research institution, project title, summary of the award, scientific abstracts, lay summaries and the value of the prize award on Water UK's website or via publicly available databases or other publications, some of which may be accessible from outside the UK and EEA.

Water UK may use information relating to prize winners in promotion of Water UK's activities, for example in the form of case studies, blog posts, social media or similar activities.

Personal data may be provided to third parties as part of the application process and this data may be processed for the purposes of verifying relevant details related to prize entries.

Personal data relating to unsuccessful applicants will be deleted within two years of the end of the application process, except that the applicant's name, project title, university or research institution and progress through the award process may be retained



indefinitely for statistical purposes. Personal data relating to prize winners may be retained indefinitely.

Rights to amend, suspend or cancel

Water UK reserves the right to amend, suspend or cancel the Watershot Prize where necessary due to circumstances outside its control or where necessary to ensure the fair and proper administration of the Watershot Prize.

Liability

Water UK will not be responsible for any losses, damages, costs or expenses arising from participation in the Watershot Prize, except where caused by Water UK's negligence or where liability cannot lawfully be excluded. Water UK accepts no responsibility for technical or other issues that may affect entries or participation in the Watershot Prize.

Use of AI

Submissions must represent the authors' own original work. The use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) to draft, write, or substantially shape the core content of the submission is strictly prohibited. All authors must provide a comprehensive declaration detailing whether and how AI tools were used during the preparation of their submission. Inappropriate, unauthorized, or undisclosed use of AI tools carries significant academic, professional, and reputational risks, and may result in immediate disqualification.

Ownership

You confirm that your entry does not breach any third party's intellectual property rights and can be submitted to us and used without breaching any contractual obligation to any person.

Governing law / jurisdiction

These terms and conditions of the Watershot Prize shall be governed by the laws of England and Wales. The courts of England and Wales will have jurisdiction to settle any disputes arising under the contract.