

## Entering the *ECOS* Student Article Competition

**Submission deadline: 11.59pm, 25 June 2018**

Submit via email to [enquiries@banc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@banc.org.uk)

### What are we looking for?

*ECOS* welcomes articles written in a range of styles. Your submission should be an article that is readable and accessible, rather than a technical or scientific paper, or a report. It could be a piece of new writing, or adapted from an essay or dissertation you have done.

Your article should be in clear English, written for an informed readership, in a style compatible with [examples in recent issues of \*ECOS\*](#).

As with all articles published in *ECOS*, we are looking for fresh thinking presented with clarity. The editors may ask for amendments to grammar and punctuation, and other clarifications, before publication.

You have a wide choice of subject matter. This list is not intended to be exhaustive:

- wildlife issues
- application of ecology
- education, at all levels
- nature conservation practice
- land management and landscape planning issues
- environmentalism attitudes and perceptions
- environmental philosophy.

The subject matter does not have to be UK-based but does need to have implications for UK issues. Remember that *ECOS* is read by conservationists who want to learn from each other, campaigners reflecting on their successes and failures, practitioners who want to expand debate, researchers who challenge the sector's science, teachers who look for new insights to pass on, and – of course – students of a wide variety of subjects.

### How to submit your article

Submissions should be emailed to Matt Neale at [enquiries@banc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@banc.org.uk) as a Microsoft Word or Open Document Format attachment. Please make sure you put 'Submission to student essay competition' in the email header.

Submissions over 3MB should be shared via a file hosting services such as Dropbox or WeTransfer.

Please include your full name and any professional affiliations in your submission.

### Terms and Conditions

Please make sure you read the Terms and Conditions of the competition.

## Length

Submissions should be 800-1500 words, including references and captions.

## Format

We find that most people produce crisply written articles straight off, but we like to have some simple guidelines for articles – these are set out in the list below.

**Style** – use plain English, active tense. We edit out all or most passive tense.

**Title** – a short punchy title which clearly indicates what your article is about.

**Summary** – include a maximum three sentence summary-intro in italics, immediately under the title.

**Key words** – you can include up to 5 key words with your article, which will be used to tag it within our indexing system

**Subheaders** – Please use subheadings throughout, to flag up key issues and structure the body of the text.

**Examples** – short examples of key points raised are always welcome. These can be in case study boxes or integrated in the text.

**Illustration** – if you can help provide or point to sources of relevant photos or other illustrations that add interest to the article this is always helpful to us.

**Biog sentence** – provide a max two sentence author's biog-description in italics at the end, after the references, concluding with your email address and if you have one, your twitter name.

## Images

Use landscape format where possible. Minimum width 1600 pixels.

## Graphs, charts and figures

At submission stage these should be embedded in your article. Please retain all data, as we may need this from you in order to recreate figures in our own house style.

## Embedded media

As a digital publication, articles can include embedded media such as YouTube videos or SoundCloud files.

All media should have a clear caption describing their contents.

## References

Remember that you're writing an article, not a university essay. While due credit should be given, references and asides should be limited.

References should be provided as endnotes.

We do not require references to be in any particular format at submission stage. However it is vital you provide information as follows, giving the full first and last names of authors.

**Books**

- Author name
- Editor or translator name (where applicable)
- Title
- Subtitle
- Publisher
- Year of publication consulted
- Edition – optional

**Chapters in books**

- As above, with chapter title and page range.

**Journal article**

- Article authors, ordered according to submission
- Full article title
- Journal title
- Volume and issue
- Year
- Page range of article
- URL of article

**News item or blog post**

- Author
- Title
- News source
- Date published
- URL

**Website**

- Author of webpage or blog post
- Title of webpage
- Publisher of webpage
- URL

**Datasets and other media**

- Author or creator
- Title
- Publisher
- Dataset or media type
- Date created
- Date accessed

- URL to source