

THE RETURN OF THE BDSA RESEARCH SUMMIT 2025

Would you like an opportunity to gain research experience, get published, win exclusive prizes and make your mark in dental academia? Well, look no further. The British Dental Students Association (BDSA) is proud to announce following the success of last year, the Research Summit 2025 is back, taking place during the BDSA Conference at the University of Leeds. The conference will be taking place from Saturday 8 to Sunday 9 February, 2025, with the Research Summit taking place on Sunday.

Research in dentistry is monumental for pioneering advancement and innovation within dentistry. The aim of the Research Summit is to empower the next generation of dental students, encourage connections within the dental community and showcase the academic endeavours of dental students. We are very excited to see what the Research Summit brings this year.

Research submissions

The winner from last year, Jan Horackiewicz, a fourth-year dental student from the University of Glasgow, reflecting on his experience last year, added: 'The summit itself was great and very well structured. The prizes last year were beyond my expectation – especially in terms of co-operation with Curaden. I'd very much recommend it!'



This year, we aim to make the summit just as enjoyable and informative with exclusive sponsors, an opportunity for the winner to present their research at the BDSA Conference and to be published in *BDJ Student*. Furthermore, BDSA Academic Officer Aman Aziz has arranged for the winner to be able to choose a prize from an exclusive prize pool. All participants will have their research published in the BDSA Book of Abstracts and will receive a BDSA accredited Certificate of Participation.

Submissions will be judged by academics and professors from the University of Leeds who will select the top 5 abstract submissions. The deadline for all submissions is Monday 13 January 2025 by 5pm and the winning student will be informed on Thursday 30 January.

Criteria/submission guidelines

The criteria for participating dental students is as follows:

- All UK undergraduate dental students are eligible from submission (including non-BDSA members)
- Open to all dental research
- Previous submissions are accepted
- All submissions should be in abstract form, original and not have been published elsewhere.
- All abstract submissions must be in PDF format and present in the following format:
 - ◆ Title
 - ◆ Background
 - ◆ Methods
 - ◆ Results
 - ◆ Conclusion.

The word limit should not exceed 500 words. For an in-depth step-by-step template on how to write an abstract email bdsaresearchsummit@gmail.com Furthermore, an FAQ document will also be shortly released to address any queries. Please email your submissions to: bdsaresearchsummit@gmail.com and if you have any further questions, please visit the BDSA *Instagram* page or email the BDSA Academic Officer Aman Aziz: amanindentistry@gmail.com.

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For the first time, Philips has a dedicated Education Manager, Kimberley Lloyd-Rees, who is visiting dental schools in the UK to hear more about students' needs, and how Philips can support them better. As a result, a number of exciting plans are being developed to ensure the dental professionals of the future feel confident about all aspects of powered tooth brushing and interproximal cleaning, as well as tooth whitening.

In addition to sampling, Philips will be offering sponsorship for innovative student events and causes. Kimberley is also seeking student ambassadors, to collaborate with on creative social media content.

Kimberley brings a wealth of relevant experience to her role. She currently works in parallel as a dental therapist, and was previously a lecturer in dental hygiene at the University of Sheffield. She added: 'I am dedicated to meeting you all, and plan to visit every dental school in the UK. I look forward to working with you and your student unions, to play a small role in your professional development.'

For more information about how you or your dental school can get involved, contact Kimberley via email on Kimberley.Lloyd-Rees@philips.com.