



2023 Masters Dissertation Prize

The British and Irish Association of Practical Theology (BIAPT) brings together practitioners, researchers, teachers and students for mutual support and learning. The aims of this prize are to acknowledge excellent research undertaken by Masters level students and to encourage students to see BIAPT as an on-going community of learning and reflection during and after their studies.

The prize is a free place at the 2024 BIAPT conference with the expectation of presenting a paper based on the dissertation. The winning dissertation, and runner-up if designated, will also have its title and abstract on the BIAPT website.

Application criteria

- You will have completed a post-graduate degree at Masters level with a dissertation in practical, pastoral or public theology.
- You will normally have received the official notification of the dissertation mark during 2022/23 but 2021/22 submissions will also be considered.
- You are a current member of BIAPT. You can join at our [Join BIAPT](#) page.

Application process

Please send an e-mail by 10 December to prizes@biapt.org giving the following information:

- 'Masters Dissertation Prize 2023' in the subject line.
- Your full name, telephone number and e-mail address.
- The name of the course you studied and the institution where you studied.
- The title of your dissertation.
- The mark awarded for your dissertation.
- An attached Word document with the title of the dissertation and the abstract.
- An attached Word document extract of up to 3000 words from the conclusions.
- ***NB Short-listed candidates will be invited to submit their full dissertation.***

The deadline for receipt of the abstract & 3000 word extract is 10 December 2023. Please check carefully that all the information requested is supplied - we will not follow up incomplete applications. The Prize Committee will be chaired by Professor John Swinton. The Committee reserves the right not to award a prize in any given year, as well as the right not to designate a runner-up. The Committee's decisions are final.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome by 31 January 2024.