



The British Dam Society

BDS PRIZE 2025

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

COMPETITION

An opportunity to present at a BDS evening meeting and to have your paper published in the BDS Journal “Dams and Reservoirs.”

£500 for 1st Place

£200 for 2nd Place

£100 for 3rd Place

RULES:

1. This competition is open to BDS members under 35 years of age
2. Participants are invited to submit papers on dam engineering relating to their experience in reservoir research, design, construction, operation, maintenance or supervision. Participants must be able to demonstrate that they have undertaken a significant role, relative to their level of experience, in the project or topic.
3. There must be only one author per paper.
4. Candidates must email synopses of their proposed papers to the Secretary, BDS (bds@ice.org.uk) by Friday 12th September 2025. Synopses should be 250 words in length and should be accompanied by brief biographical details of the author (maximum 250 words).
5. Authors of synopses assessed as being relevant to the competition will be invited to submit their completed papers by Friday 10th October 2025
6. Papers should be approximately 2,500 words in length.
7. Five finalists will be invited to present their papers at the BDS Evening meeting on Monday 17th November 2025 at the Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London. Presentations should last 10 minutes with a further 5 minutes for questions.
8. The oral and visual presentation, as well as the content of papers, will be judged by a panel of judges. The judges will have no connection with the author and will comprise members of the BDS Committee or other BDS members.
9. The organisers reserve the right to substitute another prize of equivalent value.