**Santander Universities Research Awards 2024**

**Terms and conditions**

**Overview**

Santander Universities are providing the opportunity to win one of 50 research awards worth £1,000 each to staff conducting any form of research and postgraduate students at any UK university. Successful applicants will be able to either withdraw the funds from the [Santander Aspire webstore](https://www.santanderaspire.co.uk/) (owned and managed by a third party, JS Group) or purchase products directly from the [Santander Aspire webstore](https://www.santanderaspire.co.uk/).

Before entering the awards, read through these terms and conditions to make sure you meet all the criteria listed.

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These terms and conditions apply to the Santander Universities Research Awards (referred to as the ‘prize draw’). By applying to the prize draw, applicants agree to be bound by the following:

1. The grantor is Santander Universities UK (a division of Santander UK plc, 2 Triton Square, Regent’s Place, London, NW1 3AN, United Kingdom).
2. To enter, you’ll need to meet the following eligibility criteria:
	1. You must be a postgraduate student (including taught or research, Master’s degree, doctorates (PhDs) and postgraduate diplomas) during the 2023/2024 or 2024/2025 academic year, or be a member of staff at any UK university conducting any form of research.
	2. You must be a UK resident.
	3. You must be able to provide a valid university ID number or valid University Staff ID number.
	4. You must confirm which UK university you attend.
3. You can apply on the Santander Open Academy platform any time from 09:00 (GMT) on 20/05/2024 until 23:00 (GMT) on 11/07/2024. Santander Universities reserves the right to close the prize draw early in exceptional circumstances (acting in its discretion).
4. It’s your responsibility to ensure you read and understand the eligibility criteria and submit your entry appropriately. Entries not submitted in accordance with these terms and conditions, or which are delayed, duplicated, incomplete, illegible, mislaid or lost through technical problems will be disqualified. No responsibility is accepted for such entries. Proof of submission online will not be accepted as proof of submission.
5. You can only enter the prize draw once.
6. Santander Universities will select 50 winners at random using an online random-selection platform. If you want to find out more about this process, please contact santander.universities@santander.co.uk
7. Once the 50 winners have been identified, Santander Universities will verify their status.
	1. As part of this verification process, Santander Universities will share the winners’ names, email addresses and ID numbers with their respective universities. This will happen before the results are announced.
	2. If any winners attend a non-partner university, Santander Universities will confirm the verification process directly with those winners ahead of the results being announced. Those winners must then verify their eligibility by meeting the requirements outlined. Santander Universities will make 2 attempts to contact them by email, with at least 24 hours separation between them, and a phone call if a valid phone number is provided. If after this, Santander Universities decides that it’s not possible to get in touch with a winner, a new winner will be selected at random among the remaining applicants following the original process.
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	4. Should the selected winners or their partner universities not be able to verify their student status, a new winner will be selected at random to receive the research awards instead.
8. If successful, you’ll get an email directly from Santander Open Academy which confirms you’ve been selected as a winner. When you receive this, you must accept the research award by 01/08/2024. You can do this by clicking on the link in the email. You can also accept directly by logging into Santander Open Academy platform and going to ‘My Applications’.
9. If successful, and once you’ve accepted the research awards, Santander Universities will share your details with JS Group (the third party managing the Santander Aspire webstore). JS Group will create your account on the [Santander Aspire webstore](https://www.santanderaspire.co.uk/) so that you can either withdraw your money or spend it on the [Santander Aspire webstore](https://www.santanderaspire.co.uk/). We encourage you to review JS Group’s privacy notice to understand how they’ll store and process your personal data when you use the webstore.
10. If successful, you’ll have 12 months to withdraw or spend the £1000 research awards. This will start from the date when you receive your log-in details from JS Group. The credit applied to your account will be removed after the 12-month period.
11. The winners’ surname and county will be available on request after25/07/24 *for 30 days subject to winners' consent*. Please contact santander.universities@santander.co.uk to get these. The winners’ information and winning entries (if applicable) must be provided to the Advertising Standards Authority on request in the event of a dispute.
12. If successful, you may be invited by Santander Universities or by your university (if you attend one of our partner universities: [santander.co.uk/universities/our-partners](https://www.santander.co.uk/universities/our-partners)) to provide a testimonial or case study. We won’t publish a testimonial or case study without your permission.
13. Please be aware that, if you’re identified as a winner and you attend a partner university, Santander Universities will tell your university of your success.
14. Please be aware that, if requested by a partner university and if you’ve given consent, Santander Universities will let your university know that you’ve entered the prize draw.

**General terms**

1. Santander Universities reserves the right to withdraw any entry to the giveaway that is found to be in breach of any of the pre-established conditions and/or rules laid out in the term and conditions.
2. Santander Universities reserves the right to update or amend these terms and conditions or foreclose the giveaway without prior notice at any time.
3. Santander Universities reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual that corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this giveaway.
4. The giveaway and these Terms and Conditions are governed by English law and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England.
5. To the fullest extent permitted by law and excluding death or permanent injury caused as a result of Santander Universities’ negligence, Santander Universities accepts no liability for loss or injury as a result of the giveaway or receipt or misuse of any prize fund.
6. Santander Universities accepts no responsibility for entries lost, damaged, or delayed in transit.
7. The decision of Santander Universities is final, and no other correspondence will be entered into.
8. The giveaway will be provided by Santander Universities.
9. Subject to these terms, Santander Universities may disclose any information related to the applicants:
	* 1. to any person as required or requested by law/regulation, to any regulatory or supervisory body, or in connection with any claim, dispute or legal proceedings
		2. to any partner business or partner university or other UK university in connection with the prize draw
		3. to our affiliates, in connection with the prize draw.

**Data protection**

To find out how Santander Universities processes applicant personal data, see the Santander Universities privacy notice here: [santander.co.uk/universities/events](https://www.santander.co.uk/universities/events). Expand the ‘Santander Scholarships: current opportunities’ accordion to see the privacy notice. It’s also available to download and read from the entry landing page.

As part of the giveaway, winners will be enrolled by JS Group onto the Santander Aspire webstore, which is owned and managed by JS Group. We encourage you to review [JS Group’s privacy policy](https://www.johnsmith.co.uk/cookie-privacy)