

The STEAM Children's Book Prize
In association with BIS & UCLan Publishing

'from Imagination to Reality'

- The BIS STEAM Children's Book Prize is split into four separate categories: early years, middle grade, YA and Information.
- The judging panel consists of experienced librarians, BIS board members and children's book specialists.
- Children nationwide will be invited to vote for their favourite book in the Your Choice voting.
- Each section will have a winner, chosen by the panel, as well as a Your Choice winner. There will also be an overall winner, awarded to the best book portraying STEAM. This will be selected by the judging panel.
- The award is administered by UCLan.

Eligibility

- To be eligible for the Prizes, titles must have been first published in the UK between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. Books first published in another country must have been co-published in the UK within three months of the original publication date.
- The book must be written in the English language (either as an original work in English or a first English translation of a foreign-language work) and specifically published for children and young people.
- All books must be STEAM-related e.g. a science fiction or fantasy genre, an ongoing theme related to STEAM, central characters involved or interested in Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering or Mathematics.
- The book may be co-authored.
- All categories of books, including poetry, non-fiction and graphic novels, in print or ebook format, for children and young people are eligible. However, these must be original publications and not part of previous published works.

Criteria

The books that win the award will be books of exceptional quality and recognised for promoting one or some elements of STEAM to the reader - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and/or Mathematics. Whether this be providing factual knowledge or immersing the reader into an imaginary world or scenario. It is also important that the book is enjoyable to read, and provides an experience that the reader can 'take' with them once the book is finished. Characterisation, plot, use of literary conventions, illustration and imagination will all be considered. Clarity, accuracy and presentation will be key for any informative works.

The Process

Nominations for the 2019 prizes are submitted from September 2018 to October 2018 by publishers. They can submit up to 3 titles each. All nominations published are checked and verified for their eligibility by the BIS board and UCLan.

From the eligible nominations, a group of children's book specialist will create the official shortlists for our panel to judge. The shortlists will be announced in February, with the winners announced at a ceremony in June at UCLan's Lancashire Science Festival.

Children are able to vote for the Your Choice Prize from all of the shortlisted titles via the BIS website.

Rules of entry

Publishers can submit up to 3 titles for nomination. Please send 2 physical copies of each nominated title before 31st October 2019 to:

Hazel Holmes
Campus Administrative Service
Greenbank Hub
Room GR006
Greenbank Building
Preston
Lancashire
PR1 2HE

Publishers must include an AI sheet with all title information, including the title's relevance to STEAM and the relevant prize category. If your title is chosen for the shortlist, you will need to send up to 6 more physical copies for each of our judging panellists.

The Prize is sponsored by UCLan. The winner of each category will each receive a BIS STEAM Children's Book Prize trophy, the overall winner will receive a trophy and cash prize of £1000.