

## **AAAS Science for Religion Reporters Contest Rules**

1. **Description:** The AAAS DoSER Science for Religion Reporters Awards Contest (the “Contest”) begins on September 1, 2017 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time and the period for entering the Contest ends on October 15, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (the “Entry Period”). By participating in the Contest, each entrant unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these Contest Rules and the decisions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (“AAAS”) and its independent judging committee, which shall be final and binding in all respects. As outlined in more detail below, the award is worth \$4,000 which must be collected at an awards ceremony in February 2018 at the AAAS Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas.

**2. Entry Fee:** There is no entry fee.

**3. Individual Eligibility:** Only individuals over the age of eighteen (18) years as of September 1, 2017 who are residing and located in a jurisdiction where the contest is lawful are eligible to enter. The Contest is void where prohibited. Recipients of the 2015 and 2016 AAAS Science for Religion Reporters awards are not eligible. Employees of AAAS or The John Templeton Foundation, or their affiliates, subsidiaries, and their immediate family members or persons living in the same household are not eligible.

**4. Eligible Publications:** Submitted publications (“Entries”) must have been originally published, broadcast, or posted online within the past two years of the start date September 1, 2017 at 12:01:00a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The awards are open to US-based journalists and the publications in media outlets worldwide. Print articles must be readily accessible to the public by subscription or newsstand sales. The following are not eligible for the AAAS awards: items published originally in AAAS publications or produced by AAAS; and items authored by employees of AAAS or The John Templeton Foundation. Contest submission must be work that was published or broadcast in the English language.

**5. How to Enter:** If a submitted work is not the creation of a sole author or creator, all co-authors or co-creators should be identified in the entry, with a lead entrant clearly identified. Regardless of whether a work is the creation of a sole author/creator or joint author/creators, only one prize per entry may be awarded, and will be awarded to the lead entrant. Any apportionment with co-authors or co-creators is the sole responsibility of a winner.

- a. Print Entries can be published in a newspaper or magazine, and can be a single article or a segment of a series of articles. Submit a link to the online version of the article or upload a file containing the article with byline, name of the publication, and date of publication clearly visible. The online version must be accessible throughout the judging period — October 16, 2017 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to December 1, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time— either through an active URL or an archived link. Acceptable upload formats are PDF, Microsoft Word, or text (up to 10MB in size). If the online version of the article has changes in content compared to the article in print or does not clearly show byline, name of the publication, and date of publication, then you must provide a PDF or common image format (up to 10MB in size) of the article as an electronic "tear sheet" showing the article as it appeared in print.

- b. Broadcast Entries include Radio or Television, and can be either a single story or a segment of a series. Submit a link to an MP3 file of the broadcast. The MP3 file must be accessible throughout the judging period — October 16, 2017 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to December 1, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time— either through an active URL or an archived link. Additionally, please upload a text version of the broadcast transcript or submit a link where judges can read the transcript online.
- c. Online Entries can come from a variety of digital sources: newspaper, radio, television and online-only sites. Podcasts are eligible. Entries can be either a single story or from a segment of a series. Submit a link to the entry material. The online pages should be freely accessible throughout the judging period — October 16, 2017 at 12:01:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to December 1, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time — either through an active URL or an archived link.

**6. Entry Deadline:** As noted above, all entries must be received during the Entry Period to be eligible. AAAS is not responsible for late, lost, or misdirected entries that are not received in a timely manner, or are lost due to computer or electronic malfunction or other error, or due to inaccessibility of the Internet or portions thereof.

**7. Automated Entries Prohibited:** No mechanically reproduced, incomplete, forged, software generated or automated multiple entries will be accepted.

**8. Representations:** By submitting any Entry to the Contest, entrants hereby represent and warrant that they (a) have the necessary rights to do so, and (b) are the author, creator, or producer (or co-author, co-creator, or co-producer, if so identified) of the Entry. Entrants further grant to AAAS and its affiliates, subsidiaries, licensees and assignees, permission to reprint winning entries and/or online at [www.aaas.org/DoSER](http://www.aaas.org/DoSER)

**9. Privacy:** Information provided to enter the Contest will not be sold to third parties but may be shared as may be necessary for the purposes of conducting and judging the Contest and awarding prizes. AAAS, and/or its affiliates in connection with this Contest, may from time to time contact entrants via email concerning the Contest, and each entrant consents to receiving such communications via email.

**10. Winner Selection:** AAAS will administer and facilitate review of the competition, with input from the AAAS Science for Religion Reporters project advisory committee. Current and former journalists will serve as an independent judging committee to select the winning entries based on accuracy, initiative, originality, clarity of interpretation, adherence to basic journalistic standards of objectivity, and value in fostering a better public understanding of science and its impact. Winners will be announced no later than **December 15, 2017**, and will be available **on [aaas.org/DoSER](http://aaas.org/DoSER)**.

**11. Prize Details:** Up to four winners will be selected, and each winner will receive an award worth \$4000. Entrants agree that, if they win, they will attend the AAAS Annual Meeting held on February 15-19, 2018 in Austin, Texas, unless AAAS agrees in its discretion to waive this requirement, typically only in exigent circumstances or circumstances beyond a Winner's control.

**12. General Prize Conditions:** Potential Winners will be required to execute an Affidavit of Eligibility, Release of Liability and Prize Acceptance Form (collectively, the "Prize Claim Documents"). If a Winner fails or refuses to sign and return the Prize Claim Documents within three (3) days of prize notification, the Winner may be disqualified. Prizes are not transferable and not assignable. Winners shall be solely

responsible for all taxes and fees or costs associated with any prize, including but not limited to any federal or state or other income tax, transportation, lodging, and any other expenses not expressly specified herein. International winners of the award shall solely be responsible for obtaining any passports or other travel documents that may be required.

**13. Limitations of Liability:** AAAS assumes no liability, and shall not be liable, for typographical or other errors in the offer or administration of the Contest including, without limitation, errors in the printing or display of the offer and official rules, selection, notification and announcement of the Category Winners, or distribution of the prizes. AAAS is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by internet users or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Contest and assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to any systems associated with the Contest. Winners expressly agree that AAAS shall have no liability whatsoever concerning or in any way related to their travel.

**14. Release:** By participating in the Contest, you authorize AAAS to use your name and likeness for advertising and/or promotional purposes worldwide and in all forms of media in perpetuity without further compensation or authorization. Participants agree that AAAS and its affiliates, and their officers, employees, agents and representatives (collectively, the "Sponsoring Entities"), shall not be responsible for any losses, damages or injuries of any kind resulting from participation in the Contest or from Participants' acceptance, receipt, possession and/or use or misuse of any prize. Participants also agree that the Sponsoring Entities have not made and shall not in any manner be liable for any warranty, guarantee, or representation, whether express or implied, with respect to any prize, including without limitation, the prize's quality or fitness for a particular purpose. AAAS reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who is found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or the Site, to be acting in violation of these Contest Rules, or who otherwise takes actions that do or are intended to disrupt or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest. AAAS also reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any entry containing any obscene, offensive or otherwise inappropriate comments or other matter.

**15. Governing Law:** All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules shall be governed and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York without regard to the choice of law provisions thereof.

**16. Name of Winner:** For the name of winners, refer to [aaas.org/DoSER](http://aaas.org/DoSER) or send, within three months from the end of the Entry Period, a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Religion Reporters Contest Administrator, AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion Program, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Washington DC 20005. Washington and Vermont residents may omit return postage.