**Student research presentation – abstract submission is now open and will close**

[The BIOS Conference](https://www.orthoptics.org.uk/event/bios-conference-agm-thursday-22nd-friday-23rd-june-2023-belfast/) is taking place **22nd – 23rd June 2023** at the Europa Hotel in Belfast. Orthoptists and other eye-care professionals from the UK, Ireland and wider international countries, are invited to discuss new clinical evidence, changes to current practice, interesting patient cases, and participate in networking events.

BIOS are welcoming abstract submissions from orthoptic students, presenting a research study or review that they have recently undertaken, or are currently undertaking, as part of their degree course. The student research presentation is a new initiative, designed to enable orthoptic students from across the UK to meet, experience the conference, and present their work in a supportive environment of peers and future colleagues!

Students’ abstracts may include a literature review, a project/review proposal, or a research study undertaken alone or as part of a group project. One student from each of the four Universities in the UK will be chosen to present their work at the BIOS conference.

The student will present their work as a rapid-fire presentation at the conference (1-2 slides, and presentation time up to 3 minutes max).

The four winners will have their conference fee, travel and accommodation covered, and will be able to attend both days of the conference and benefit from seeing the other talks and updates from the profession.

**The abstract guidelines are included below:**

* Abstracts should not exceed 300 words
* Use sub-headings to structure your abstract (e.g. *Title, Background and aim, Methods, Results, Conclusions*). If your research work is ongoing, or you wish to submit a research proposal and results are not yet known, then please adapt the headings accordingly to discuss *Planned results and next steps*.
* On your abstract, please include your name (the corresponding author), your university, your supervisor/module leader for the research project, and any other authors (e.g. if the research was part of a group project, then the other group members should be named as authors). Please see the abstract template on the last page for further guidance.
* All abstract submissions must be emailed to **Dr Kerry Hanna** ([researchdirector@orthotpics.org.uk](mailto:researchdirector@orthotpics.org.uk)) by 5pm on Friday **21st April 2023**.
* The four highest scoring abstracts (1 from each university) will be announced in early May 2023
* All abstracts will be scored by the conference committee.

For general queries about the BIOS conference, please contact [nitrustee@orthoptics.org.uk](mailto:nitrustee@orthoptics.org.uk)

For any queries about your abstract submission, please contact [researchdirector@orthoptics.org.uk](mailto:researchdirector@orthoptics.org.uk)

There are available resources on preparing conference abstracts and presentations, which can be found on the [members section of the BIOS website](https://www.orthoptics.org.uk/resources/research-members-page/)

**The abstract template can be found on the next page.**

**Abstract template** [please do not exceed the 300 word limit]:

**Title**: [*include the title of your research project / literature review*]

Corresponding author (*name of student and name of University*):

*All other authors’ names (if applicable):*

**Background and aim**:

**Method**:

**Results**: [*if submitting a project proposal, please include a section on Planned results and next steps*]

**Conclusions**: