

The Tom Kelly Essay Prize

The Tom Kelly Essay Prize was established in the time when The Student Health Association was known as the British Association of Health Services in Higher Education (BASHE). It was named in honour of Dr Tom Kelly, previous president of BASHE in 1997. It is a Biannual competition.

The prize for this prestigious award is £500 and the winning entry will be displayed on The Student Health Association website.

This year the SHA are widening the brief for the format of entries, (the standard format is a 2000–3000-word essay) so that candidates may choose Multimedia Integration as an alternative incorporating visual or audio elements such as videos, graphics, spoken-word segments.

The winner will be invited to present their entry at The Student Health Association Conference in Sheffield Sunday 29th June to Tuesday 1st July

Please choose from the following 4 questions:

1. The Impact of Technology on Student Health: Explore how excessive use of technology, including screen time and digital devices, affects students' health.
2. Addressing the Impact of Social Determinants of Health on College Students: How do factors like socioeconomic status, housing and access to healthcare affect the health outcomes of college students? What can health professionals do to mitigate these challenges and promote health equity?
3. The Ethical Responsibilities of Student Health Professionals in Supporting Students with Disabilities: Examine the ethical considerations and challenges health professionals face when providing care to students with physical or mental disabilities. How can they ensure equitable access to healthcare and academic support services?
4. The Importance of Cultural Competence in Student Health Services: How does cultural competence impact the delivery of health services to a diverse student population? Discuss the importance of understanding and respecting cultural differences when providing healthcare and support to students.

The Deadline is Noon, Friday 13th June 2025. Please email your entry to

admin@studenthealthassociation.co.uk