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## James B. Coakley Medal for Dissection 2013

*James B. Coakley was Professor of Anatomy at University College Dublin from 1962 – 1988.*

*To honour his distinguished career and his dedication to anatomy teaching the **Coakley Medal** is awarded for the best dissection of a given body part.*



James B. Coakley - Medal for Dissection

### Eligibility

Competition for the James B. Coakley Medal for Dissection is open only to:

- Registered students in the second and third stages of Medicine (undergraduate entry)
- Registered students in the first and second stages of Medicine (graduate entry)
- Registered students in the first and second years of the Bachelor of Radiography degree
- Registered students in the first and second years of a Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree
- Registered students in the first and second years of the Bachelor of Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences degree

This is a highly sought after award that will provide a small select number of students a privileged opportunity to work with a precious educational resource. The Professor of Anatomy reserves the right to apply internal criteria to determine which candidates may enter the competition for the dissection prize. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

### Dissection Project

A suitable specimen with guidelines will be provided for each candidate. Once specimens have been allocated each candidate will be required to:

- 1) Prepare a one-page proposal outlining their plan for dissection of the assigned specimen (Due: 5pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013)
- 2) Complete a dissection, and submit a poster documenting preparation of the specimen (Due: 5pm on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013)
- 3) Give a 5-slide presentation summarising the preparation of the specimen. (After submission deadline, date TBC)

The dissection must be the sole work of the candidate. Advice and guidance will be available from the anatomy academic and technical staff.

## Standards for Dissection

Candidates are advised to consult the anatomy museum in order to acquaint themselves with the standards required for the competition. If no dissections meet the required standards, the medal will not be awarded.

## Rules & Regulations

All dissection will take place in the School of Medicine & Medical Science Human Anatomy Laboratory in the UCD Health Sciences Centre. The Human Anatomy Laboratory is a restricted area. Access to the Human Anatomy Laboratory is permitted from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am and 5pm only, with prior arrangement with the anatomy technical staff. The material within the Human Anatomy Laboratory must be treated with dignity and respect.

White coats must be worn at all times. Each candidate must complete a 'Statement on Anatomical Images of Cadaveric Material' prior to commencement of their project. The rules and regulations of the Human Anatomy Laboratory must be respected at all times during dissection. Violation of the rules WILL result in disqualification from the competition.

## Adjudication

All dissection projects will be examined and judged by a panel selected by the Professor of Anatomy. The medal will be awarded to the best dissection project that meets the standards required for the award. In the event that more than one dissection is adjudged to merit the prize, a joint award may be made. The decision of the panel is final.

All dissections in the competition will (where possible) be displayed in the Anatomy Museum or used as prosected teaching specimens. Thus, all entrants can make a valuable contribution to anatomy teaching at UCD School of Medicine & Medical Science.

The winner(s) will be presented with the Coakley Medal at the annual UCD Awards Ceremony and their name will be added to the Coakley Medal Board located in the UCD Health Sciences Building.

## Deadlines

The deadline for registration of interest and return of completed application forms for entry to the competition is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 5pm**. Completed application forms should be returned to Ms. Zoë Thompson, Room C209 UCD Health Sciences Centre. Only one entry per candidate is permitted.

All dissection work for the competition must be completed and submitted by **30<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 5pm**.

## Enquiries

Application forms are available from Ms. Zoë Thompson ([zoe.thompson@ucd.ie](mailto:zoe.thompson@ucd.ie)), Room C209 UCD Health Sciences Centre.

For informal enquiries please contact: Dr. Jean O'Connor ([jean.oconnor@ucd.ie](mailto:jean.oconnor@ucd.ie))