



2018

the subsidence forum

dissertation prize

submit your undergraduate, final year
dissertation and you could win £500.

I am writing to invite you to participate in this exciting scheme from the Subsidence Forum, now in its third year. The scheme is to offer a cash prize of £500 for the best undergraduate, final year dissertation for 2018. The subject matter must be related to subsidence, but it does not necessarily have to be restricted to technical aspects; it may encompass wider issues, such as climate change, social and/or financial impact on communities be they rural or urban and the wider environmental implications.

All Heads of Department of Engineering in UK Universities will be approached and invited to participate.

The dissertation must be received by the Subsidence Forum, duly marked and externally examined, by Monday 3rd September 2018.

The Award Ceremony will be held at The Subsidence Forum's Annual Training Day held at Tewin Bury Farm Hotel, Hertford Road, Welwyn, AL6 0JB on Wednesday 17th October 2018.

The participating dissertations should be submitted in hard copy to:

**The Subsidence Forum,
Kingsley House,
Ganders Business Park,
Kingsley,
Bordon,
Hampshire,
GU35 9LU**

Further details on who we are can be seen on our website – www.subsidenceforum.org

I hope you will find this initiative interesting and will sign up to participate. Now in its third year, after the high-standard of entries seen in previous years, we look forward to this year's submissions. If you require further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Please complete the reply slip and return via email to:

emma.simmonds@subsidenceforum.org.uk

or by post to the address shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Scoble

Subsidence Forum Chairman

The Subsidence Forum represents the full range of professions and companies involved in the subsidence repair process and not only aims to raise public awareness of subsidence issues but also to improve the lines of communication between all parties involved in subsidence. The Forum is aware of the need to improve quality and standards throughout the industry and encourages the use of competent suppliers. As its name suggests it also provides a centre of shared knowledge and exchange of non-competitive information. Membership is available to any company or organisation that is involved in the subsidence industry. There are typically 30,000 insurance claims for subsidence damage to properties in the UK every year, and it has affected the lives of over 3,000,000 people since it was first covered by standard buildings insurance in 1976. The total cost to UK insurers is in the region of £5bn so far.

The subsidence of buildings can be both complex and technically challenging, involving a whole spectrum of construction and insurance specialists. Such insurance claims can often take a significant amount of time to resolve properly.

The probability of global warming and associated climate change is likely to cause significant additional problems in the future where trees and shrinkable clays are associated with the problem.

The Forum has the following Specialist Interest Groups to develop common principles and provide a platform for discussion:

- Supply & Procurement
- Training & Education
- Technical & Innovations
- Customer Focus





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We will/will not be participating in The Subsidence Forum Dissertation Initiative for 2018

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