

DBUK BOOKBINDING COMPETITION 2023

Rules of Entry

- Set book - each entrant must submit a binding of the set book.
- Open choice – up to three additional books may be entered in the open choice category.
- Fees - entry fee (which includes unbound sheets of the set book) is £25 for DB members, £30 for non-members and payable on registration. You may also enter up to three further books in the open choice category at a cost of £15 per book, payable with entry form. These fees are non-returnable.
- Entry forms - entry forms will be emailed in early October 2023 to all registered entrants. Here you can give details of your bindings as well as pay for further open choice entries. There will also be full details of where and when to deliver your binding come the deadline date. A completed entry form must be emailed back to the organisers and a physical copy must accompany each entry.
- Deadline – the deadline for all entries is Saturday 15th October 2023.
- Eligibility - Fellows of DB are excluded from entering; otherwise this competition is open to all who are resident in the UK (at the time of binding) including Licentiates and Associates of DB.
- Technical restrictions - there are no restrictions on the materials or form to be used.
- Container - each entry must be submitted in a slipcase or box for handling protection. If the box is a part of the whole book then a further protective box is required.
- Anonymity - your name, or any other identifying device, must not appear anywhere on any of your entries.
- Other hands – you must declare if any of the work on your entry is by another's hand ie edge gilding.

- Judging – there are three judges: two chosen from outside DB but with expertise in relevant fields plus a Fellow of DB. The President of DB will also be present to adjudicate and advise. The judges’ decision is final. The judges reserve the right to withhold any prize.
- Insurance - all entries are submitted at the entrant’s own expense and risk. Entries should be insured (fully comprehensive) by the entrant. DB, or persons acting with their authority, cannot be held responsible for loss or damage during the exhibition.
- Postage - all costs for delivery and return of entries must be paid for by the entrant. There will be an opportunity on the entry form to pay for your binding to be returned to you Special Delivery if you cannot pick up your book.
- Photography – you agree to your entries being photographed and used by DB on future promotional material.
- Exhibition – you agree that, if your book is selected for an award, it will be retained by DB for the London exhibition and then the national touring exhibition. It will only be returned following the final venue. Books will be exhibited at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Sales – this competition is not primarily a selling exhibition. However, there will be space on the entry form to indicate whether your binding is for sale and, if so, for how much. DB will take a commission of 10% on any sales as a result of the exhibition.
- Feedback - all entrants are encouraged to attend the Fellows’ Feedback Day. It will be on the Saturday following the close of the exhibition. This is a great opportunity to get some constructive criticism and advice.
- Private View - you will receive an invitation to the private view with your entry form.
- For the purposes of some of the prize categories:

A newcomer is defined as someone who has taken up bookbinding in the past 3 years and has not yet entered a bookbinding competition run by DB.

A student is defined as someone who is studying bookbinding (or similar) full or part time.

- Prizes - we shall be announcing the prize categories in the near future.