

Terms and Conditions

Flash Points 2026 is organised by SFPE Greater London Student Chapter. By entering the competition, you agree to accept the following terms and conditions:

Eligibility to Enter

1. Flash Points 2026 is open to students over 18 years of age who are currently studying at a UK or Europe based University, or to those who have graduated from a UK or Europe based University within the last 12 months. The competition is also open to those affiliated with a university but not as a student, e.g a Research Assistant, however they should be pre-doctoral or have graduated from a PhD within the last 12 months.
2. Flash Points 2026 is open to both individuals and teams. There is a maximum of 3 members for a team submission. A representative or leader should, however, be designated in the case of a team submission.
3. In entering Flash Points 2026, you confirm that you are eligible to do so and eligible to claim any prize you may win.
4. A maximum of one submission per individual is permitted.
5. The submitted video must be the individual or team's original work.
6. Videos submitted to other competitions (including previous Flash Points) are permitted, provided they did not win said competition.
7. Flash Points 2026 is free to enter.

How to enter

1. Individuals should create a 3-minute video summarising a piece of fire science or fire engineering research. This research could be the individual's own experiments or modelling, or an original review of other people's research.
2. Videos can be produced in any language or none. However, if the video uses a language other than English, subtitles in English should be provided.
3. Videos should be uploaded to YouTube, and a link shared with sfpelondonstudentchapter@gmail.com **with the subject "Flash Points 2026 Video Submission"**.
4. Submissions should include the following:
 - a. The name(s) of the participant(s).
 - b. The UK or European University that they are based at.
 - c. A link to the video on YouTube.
 - d. The title and topic of the video.
 - e. A statement of authenticity, indicating the use of generative AI in the creative process or in the production of the content.
5. Entries must be submitted before 18:00 GMT on Saturday 10th October 2026.

Judging and winners

1. The videos will be scored by a panel of judges based on the following categories:
 - a. Structure and content of presentation (40 %)
 - b. Creativity - Effective use of the medium (30 %)
 - c. Communication (30 %)
2. The video with the highest average score will be the winner of the competition.
3. In the event of a tie, the judges will vote on a tie-break.
4. The decision of the judges is final and cannot be appealed.
5. The winner of the competition will be contacted via the email they used to submit their video. The winning entry will also be announced and shared on LinkedIn through the accounts of the SFPE Greater London Student Chapter.
6. The winning videos will be awarded the following cash prizes:
 - i. First place: cash award of £300 GBP
 - ii. Second place: cash award of £200 GBP
 - iii. Third place: cash award of £150 GBP
 - iv. People's choice award: cash award of £150 GBP
7. Travel grants will be awarded to winning submissions at our discretion upon proof of required travel and production of receipts.
8. The organisers reserve the right to veto any entry at any stage of the competition.

Data protection and publicity

1. Copyright of the submitted video remains with the respective entrants. However, in consideration of winning one of the prizes, each entrant grants a worldwide royalty-free perpetual licence to SFPE Greater London Student Chapter to feature any or all of the submitted materials in any and all media for publicity and marketing purposes. This implies that any entry can be used for promotional purposes.
2. All contest participants grant SFPE Greater London Student Chapter the perpetual licence to copy, edit, display, publish and make available their submission materials and agree that SFPE Greater London Student Chapter may publish their names in connection with this video contest.
3. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that all videos have been taken with the permission of the subject(s) (or, where the submission shows any underage persons, the consent of their parent) and/or venue/location/photo or sound owner and does not infringe on the copyright of any third party. Entrants guarantee that they own the copyright for the submissions and for the usage rights required by the contest, and that

their entry does not infringe on the privacy rights, copyright, or any other rights of any person.

4. Winners may be requested to offer support to promotional activities related to this contest such as personal profiles, background information and photos.

General

1. SFPE Greater London Student Chapter reserve the right at any time to modify or discontinue, temporarily or permanently, this contest with or without prior notice due to reasons outside their control.
2. For more information on Flash Points 2026 visit: <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/mechanical-engineering/study/phd/sfpe-greater-london-student-chapter/flash-points-competition/>