



THE HARRY PORTER PRIZE 2025

DEADLINE: 21ST SEPTEMBER, 11:59 PM

The Footlights Committee are delighted to announce that submissions are now open for this year's Harry Porter Prize!

WHAT IS THE HARRY PORTER PRIZE?

The Harry Porter Prize is an annual new writing competition for a one-hour comic play, established in memory of the late Dr Harry Porter, the Footlights' long-time Senior Archivist. Submissions are welcome from all current students of The University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin, regardless of any previous comedy or playwriting experience. The category of "comic play" can be interpreted however you like, and previous years have produced a huge variety of scripts (including comedy musicals). The only requirements are that your play is:

- (1) Your own original work
- (2) Approximately one hour in length
- (3) Has not been previously staged in full

WHY SHOULD I ENTER?

The competition will be judged by an external guest (to be announced!), with previous judges including Footlights alumni Alex Horne, John Finnemore and Phil Wang. The winning play will be awarded Footlights funding and support to put on a Cambridge run in 2026. Once the winner is announced, the Footlights Committee will support the writer in assembling a strong production team and cast to bring their show to life!

HOW CAN I ENTER?

All scripts must be emailed in PDF format to president@cambridgefootlights.org with the subject line "Harry Porter Prize 2025" by 23:59 on Sunday 21st September 2025. There must be NO EVIDENCE OF AUTHORSHIP anywhere in the script itself, as the judging process will be carried out anonymously. Any questions about the prize or the submission process, please don't hesitate to reach out!

GOOD LUCK!

THE FOOTLIGHTS COMMITTEE