



John Scholes Transport History Research Essay Competition, 2025

The John Scholes Prize is awarded annually to the writer of a publishable paper based on original research into any aspect of the history of transport and mobility. The prize is intended to recognise budding transport and mobility historians. It may be awarded to the writer of one outstanding article, or divided between two or more entrants. Typically, the prize is awarded for research completed as part of a PhD.

This year we're delighted to announce that the prize will consist of:

- * **vouchers up to the value of £150 to be spent on SAGE publications**
- * **a year's membership of T²M - International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic & Mobility (90€ worth)**
- * **€250 in cash.**

Publication in the *Journal of Transport History* will be at the discretion of the Editor and subject to the normal refereeing process.

The prize is named in memory of John Scholes, the first Curator of Historical Relics at the British Transport Commission. It is funded by SAGE (publishers of the *Journal of Transport History*), and T²M – www.t2m.org.

Eligibility

Entry is limited to researchers who, at the time of submission, are not yet in or have just commenced a permanent / tenured academic (or equivalent) position, and who are just starting to publish research.

Entries

Essays (in English, double-spaced) should not exceed 8,000 words (including footnotes). Sources must be documented fully. Entries must be submitted electronically, to arrive no later than **30 September 2025**.

They must not bear any reference to the author or institutional affiliation. Senior scholars will judge entries against criteria of originality, thoroughness and excellence of argument, source use, composition and illustration. The process is 'double-anonymised'. The judges will not enter into correspondence.

A cover letter and a one-page CV must demonstrate eligibility for the prize.

Entries for the prize should be sent to the *JTH* Editor at editor.jth@gmail.com. The subject line of the message must read 'John Scholes Prize entry 2025'. In the body of the message please indicate how you found out about the Prize.