

ICAEW Climate Essay Competition 2025

Chartered Accountants' Permanent Education Trusts (CAPET) primary objective is the advancement of education, particularly in accounting and related subjects, by funding the ICAEW International ACA annual prizes and annual climate change competition.

For the third year, in association with CAPET, ICAEW held a competition for a research proposal addressing the role of accountants in guiding organisations to navigate climate change.

Aimed at students and recently qualified members, ICAEW held its third annual climate essay competition asking entrants to share their views and insights on the essay question: 'How should the accounting profession help organisations increase their resilience to the effects of environmental risks by changing the way they do business?'

The prize of £5,000 was awarded to Sam Beukers – Stewart, an ICAEW student, who submitted the winning entry – the full report can be found here [ICAEW Climate Essay Competition 2025 | ICAEW](#)

As an early-stage ACA student, eager to embrace sustainability within my professional development, this competition was an excellent opportunity. Writing and researching my submission enabled me to rethink how our profession could, and should, adapt in the context of a worsening climate outlook. Further, particularly through exploring a greater role for management accountants within the sustainability space, I was able to gain a deeper appreciation for my own role within this transition.

Sam Beukers - Stewart, Climate Essay Competition 2025 Winner

2025 Highly Commended

The judges also felt that the essay from George Filosofos, a student at the Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in Greece, was also deserving of recognition and was awarded a highly commended achievement. His essay provides a unique philosophical perspective and thoughtful exploration of the strategic role of accountants in a net zero, nature-positive future. (The views expressed are those of individual and do not represent the employer).

Download the essay [george-filosofos.ashx](#)

Finalists

The judges were incredibly impressed by the quality of submissions from all finalists. The selection process was highly competitive, and choosing a winner was no easy task. Well done to all our finalists for reaching this stage. You can view each of their entries below:

[Team Planet Keepers \(Janet Elfara Kurniawan, Keisha Eleanor Soeharto, and Laryssa Tannia\)](#)

[Shon Joseph Cherattu Kalathil](#)

[Qudsia Yaqoob](#)

All of the finalists were absolutely brilliant and should be immensely proud of their efforts - I particularly loved the energy and accessibility of the video entries. It's incredibly exciting to see a new generation of students approaching global sustainability challenges with such creativity and clarity. It gives me real confidence in the future of the profession, knowing that these bright minds are thinking differently and already leading important conversations.

Derek Blair, Competition Judge and ICAEW President

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