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Winners of the 2020 ETSI Science Writing Competition

On 5 August 2020, the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative (ETSI) announced a science writing competition for monastics engaged in ETSI's science education programs to celebrate His Holiness the Dalai Lama's immense contributions to the monastic science education and to encourage the monastic students to think, reflect, and write—in their own language—on scientific concepts and thus add to the growing scientific literature in Tibetan.

Three categories were proposed: 1) A comparative study of an interesting and relevant topic from Buddhism and science, 2) A detailed study on a specific scientific topic, and 3) Translation of an important scientific article, paper or a book chapter.


We received sixty proposals, out of which thirty one were selected to be developed into full essays. The twenty three entries that met the requirements were carefully read and graded by a panel of three judges. We are happy to announce that twelve entries—eleven in the comparative category and one in the translation category—are selected as winners. See the table below for the winners' list.

CONGRATULATIONS to OUR WINNERS!

Ranking 1 to 7 will be awarded \$1500.00 each; 8-11 will be awarded \$1000.00 each; and the Translation Entry will be awarded \$500.00.

We sincerely thank all the monastics who entered. We also want to thank our judges for meticulously going through all the essays and grading them.




Category 1: Comparative Study

Ranking	Name	Khangtsen, Monastery	ETSI Program
1st	Rinchen Dhondup Ser Shul 	Jadrel Khangtsen, Sera Jey Monastery	ETSI, Year 4


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2nd	Tenzin Dhargye 	Denma Khangtsen, Drepung Loseling Monastery	Completed ETSI 6 year Implementation Program
3rd	Tenzin Tsultrim 	Gyalrong Khangtsen, Drepung Loseling Monastery	ETSI, Year 3
4th	Lobsang Jinpa 	Sokpa Khangtsen , Gaden Shartse Monastery	Completed ETSI 6 year Implementation Program
5th	Tulku Yulting 	Gungru Khangtsen, Gaden Shartse Monastery	ETSI, Year 5
6th	Sonam Topden 	Tehor Khangtsen, Drepung Loseling Monastery	ETSI, Year 3
7th	Lobsang Jangchup 	Geden Choeling Nunnery	ETSI, Nuns' Program, Year 3
8th	Lobsang Gyatso 	Thepo Khangtsen, Gaden Shartse Moanstery	Completed ETSI 6 year Implementation Program
9th	Jampa Gyaltzen Lhakal 	Tsangpa Khangtsen, Sera Jey Monastery	ETSI, Year 2

			
10th	Tsering Phuntsok 	Tehor Khangtsen, Drepung Loseling Monastery	3 rd cohort TGSS
11th	Jangchup Choephel 	Dema Khangtsen, Drepung Loseling Monastery	ETSI, Year 3

2. Category 3: Translation

Ranking	Name	Khangtsen, Monastery	ETSI Program Year
1st	Tenzin Thinley 	Ngari Khangtsen, Sera Jey Monastery	3 rd cohort TGSS