

Annual J.B.S. Haldane Award for Best Student Transhumanist Paper



The Haldane award will be given to the undergraduate student paper that best advances transhumanist thought, analysis or applications. Transhumanists hold that individuals should be able to use technology to overcome the limitations of the human body. The first Haldane award will be awarded in 2003.

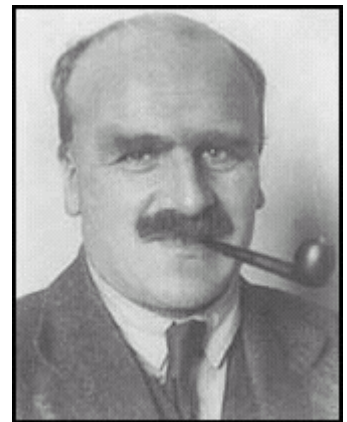
Eligibility criteria:

- Authors must be students enrolled at a high school, college or university, who have not received their baccalaureate degree by January 1, 2003
- Authors must be members in good standing of the World Transhumanist Association. Student memberships are \$10US a year (see <http://www.transhumanism.org/join.htm> for more information).

Please submit complete papers electronically to Dr. James Hughes, james.hughes@trincoll.edu, by February 1, 2003. The winner will be contacted by May 1, 2003. Papers will be judged by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the World Transhumanist Association. The award ceremony will be held the evening of Saturday, June 28, 2003 during the Transvision conference at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, USA (for more information see: <http://www.transhumanism.org/tv/2003usa/>). Attendance at the conference is not a criteria for eligibility for the award, but we encourage those who can attend to submit their papers for consideration as conference presentations. The awardee will receive \$250, and the paper will be considered for publication in a forthcoming issue of the *Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics*, or in the *Journal of Evolution and Technology*.

John Haldane, Transhumanist Pioneer

John Burdon Sanderson Haldane's writing had a wide impact on the transhumanist imagination. Haldane was a tireless and charismatic popularizer of science, and one of the first twentieth century biologists to promote the posthuman possibilities made possible by science and technology. In his landmark 1923 essay "Daedalus or Science and the Future" Haldane rejected knee-jerk biases against biological progress, and predicted "ectogenesis" ("test-tube babies") and other futurist technologies. In 1964 Haldane coined the term "clones" in his essay "Biological Possibilities for the Human Species of the Next Ten-Thousand Years."



World Transhumanist Association

The WTA is an international nonprofit membership organization working to promote discussion of the possibilities for radical improvement of human capacities using genetic, cybernetic and nano technologies. For more information see: <http://www.transhumanism.org> or contact: Dr. James Hughes, c/o World Transhumanist Association, PO Box 128, Willington CT 06279, jhughes@changesurfer.com