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The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC), the UK's professional body for historic environment conservation specialists, has called on current students to enter their best coursework in the institute's award, the 2008 IHBC Gus Astley Student Award. Simply submitting course work by e-mail can lead to a £300 award, a chance to speak at the institute's next Annual School, in Buxton in June 2009, and even to getting published in the IHBC's own highly respected journal, *Context*.

'The IHBC Gus Astley Student Award meets the needs of students and their tutors as they face a very busy time of year', the IHBC's Director, Dr Seán O'Reilly, said. 'Generally no formal preparation is required, only an e-mail to studentaward2008@ihbc.org.uk, with a valid item of course work attached. It could not be easier. The 2007 submissions were very well received, and some entrants spoke at our 2008 Annual School to great applause. We're especially keen to reach people very early in their career, such as under-graduates with a growing awareness of how historic environment conservation, for all its challenges, is both a good career move and a practical way to address climate change. Conservation is about the future we want, not just the legacy we enjoy.'

The IHBC's award is inspired by the memory of Gus Astley, the IHBC's former Membership Secretary. Closing date for submissions covering the 2007-8 academic year is 31 December 2008. Students are encouraged to enter course work as soon as practical after course completion, and as early as July 2008. Submission must follow the terms posted on the IHBC's website.

References:

See www.ihbc.org.uk & <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/awards.htm>.

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