



Student Conference & Game Jam

on Medieval Studies and Medievalism

May 3-9, 2026

This conference and game jam aim to foster thoughtful student discussion about how medieval texts and ideologies are adapted and mobilized in post-medieval periods and contemporary culture. This is a 100% online and asynchronous conference. Participants will have 1-2 weeks to view the video presentation and game presentations and place comments below them. **This conference and game jam are both FREE of costs.**

MORE INFORMATION:

<https://unicorn-castle.org/sample-page/unicorn-student-congress-on-medievalism/>

Call for Conference Presentations:

Students are invited to present and/or participate in the first annual virtual UNICORN Student Congress on Medieval Studies and Medievalism, sponsored by the UNICORN Castle. We welcome creative, critical, and playful approaches: literature, history, art, music, pop culture, fandom, games, digital media, and beyond. You'll submit your videotaped, fifteen-minute presentation, and then you'll have the opportunity to view and comment on the presentations of other participants.

Game Jam:

Students have roughly two weeks, from Saturday, April 18th to Saturday, May 2nd, to design a game that conveys a message and aligns with the conference theme, which will be announced on May 2nd and be relative to the conference focus (Medieval Studies and Medievalism). Participants can work individually or in teams and can submit board games, card games, or video games (from designs to completed products). All games will be showcased during the Student Conference on Medieval Studies and Medievalism, which will be held May 3-9, 2026

All Deadlines

March 1, 2026: Deadline for Conference Presentation Proposals—Complete this [FORM](https://unicorn-castle.org/presentation-application/)

April 1, 2026: Notification of Acceptance for Presentation Proposal

April 15, 2026: Deadline to Register for the Game Jam—Register [HERE](https://itch.io/jam/unicorn-castle-jam)

April 18, 2026: Game Jam Theme Announced

May 2, 2026:
~~Deadline to Share Your Presentation (15 Minute Video)
~~Deadline to share your game

Prizes

Presentations and games will be judged by a panel of experts. The following prizes will be awarded. There are two sets of prizes: one set for the Conference Presentations and set for the Game Jam.

1st Prize: \$300 and permanent inclusion as a part of the UNICORN Castle Museum and/or Game(s)

2nd Prize: \$200 and permanent inclusion as a part of the UNICORN Castle Museum and/or Game(s)

3rd Prize: \$100 and permanent inclusion as a part of the UNICORN Castle Museum and/or Game(s)

Honorable Mentions: Name and Presentation or Game Title will be listed on the program for that year's conference.

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