

Submissions must have been **published between January 1, 2022 and the application deadline** in a book, journal, edited collection, or peer-reviewed electronic or online publication. (Accepted but still forthcoming works are **not** eligible.) The submission may be nominated by a full-time U of I faculty member, or self-nominated.

Ideally submissions are limited to one per faculty member, but as publications often come in clusters, faculty are limited to **a maximum of two submissions per award cycle**.

Graduate Student Guidelines

Submissions must be double-spaced and single-sided, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with a length of 10–20 pages (*exclusive* of notes, bibliography or works cited, and/or picture/illustration appendices). Excerpts of an appropriate length from a longer work are acceptable.

The submitted essay must have been completed for an Urbana campus course taken for credit during the 2022–23 academic year (or submitted from March 15, 2022 to May 15, 2022 for a course taken for credit in the spring of the previous academic year), or the submission may be an excerpt of appropriate length from the graduate student’s thesis, dissertation, or equivalent research project.

The submission may be nominated by the thesis director or faculty member who taught the course for which the paper was written, or self-nominated, with the signature-approval of the faculty member/thesis director required on the nomination form, in either case.

Graduate students are limited to **one submission per award cycle**.

Undergraduate Student Guidelines

Submissions must be double-spaced and single-sided, in 12-point Times New Roman font, with a length of 8–15 pages (*exclusive* of notes, bibliography or works cited, and/or picture/illustration appendices).

The submitted essay must have been completed for an Urbana campus course taken for credit during the 2022–23 academic year (or submitted from March 15, 2022 to May 15, 2022 for a course taken for credit in the spring of the previous academic year, or submitted during the summer 2022 academic session).

The submission may be nominated by the faculty member of the course for which the paper was written, or self-nominated, with the signature approval of the faculty member required on the nomination form in either case.

Undergraduate students are limited to **one submission per award cycle**.

Selection

The applications will be read by a selection committee comprised of members of the HRI Advisory Committee, one or two invited members of the faculty, and the HRI Director and Deputy Director (both of whom serve on the committee in an *ex officio* capacity). Submissions will be judged in a blind review process; names and any other identifying details must not be included in the essay itself. The essays will be evaluated on their scholarly merit, the intellectual rigor of the questions being posed, and the quality of the writing.

Notifications

All applications will be acknowledged via email, and all applicants will be notified in mid-April 2023, when the prize selection process is concluded.

Questions about these awards and the nomination procedures should be addressed to Nancy Castro at ncastro@illinois.edu.

You can view past [prize recipients](#) at the HRI website.