



ABR Essay Prize 2017

The ABR Essay Prize 2017 is now accepting submissions!

Established in 2008, the purpose of ABR is to publish and encourage scholarship and research in all areas of bioethics, healthcare, medical ethics, medical law and healthcare policy. Please note that environmental ethics is not included within ABR's scope of expertise. We now extend a call for essays, researched, within these topic areas. The primary purpose is to enhance the knowledge of and enlighten the reader on some aspect of these areas.

Eligibility: The prize is open to anyone studying (post-secondary school) or working within the field of bioethics. Priority will be given to papers from within Asia (from Iran to Japan, from Mongolia to New Zealand and includes the Commonwealth of Former Communist Countries). As one aim of the prize is to give early recognition to outstanding researchers who are beginning a career in healthcare ethics, special consideration will be given to new researchers. Only one paper submission is permitted per person for consideration of the award, but a single paper may have more than one author.

The Essay: The essay (research paper) shall be original and unpublished, written in English and of no more than 5,000 words, excluding footnotes or endnotes. Papers previously submitted for class assignments or works in progress (such as papers to be delivered at conferences, etc.) are encouraged. The essay must be typed using a standard font (Times New Roman, Arial, etc.) and double-spaced. Do not place the author's name on the pages of text. Include a cover page that lists the name, mailing address and e-mail address of the author, their college or university, and current status, i.e., researcher, fellow, student (add year), Assistant Professor, etc.

All essays must be received by 31st AUGUST 2017. No essays will be accepted after this time.

The award-winning essay will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the International Advisory Committee of ABR, all of whom serve as reviewers for ABR. The panel's decision will be announced after September 1, 2017. In cases of a tie, an independent external reviewer will be asked to rank the papers according to ABR's peer review criteria.

Judging Criteria: Primary consideration will be given to the essay's originality and its contribution to the field of bioethics. Other considerations will be the author's demonstration of the relevance of the subject to the region*, the presentation and the coherence of the argument, the adequacy of the referencing. In the case of a tie, two awards may be given at the discretion of the judges. If no submission is judged to be either appropriate or sufficiently meritorious, ABR reserves the right to make no award.

The Award: The winner will be invited to submit the essay for publication in the ABR. Upon acceptance for publication, the winner will be awarded prize money of \$500 SGD. The runner up will be awarded a prize of \$250 SGD.

* All papers should meet this criterion. In the case of students, they should discuss their paper with their supervisor(s) before submission.

All papers should be submitted to Ms Rachel TEO, at abr.managingeditor@gmail.com. This is the preferred format of receiving submissions. However, papers may also be submitted by post to:

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