



2025 AWSS Student Essay Prizes

Call for Nominations

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies is pleased to announce the call for submissions for the 2025 Undergraduate Essay Prize and the 2025 Graduate Essay Prize.

The Undergraduate Essay Prize recognizes outstanding essays in Slavic/East European/Eurasian women's and gender studies written by an undergraduate student in any discipline based at any tertiary institution worldwide. Submissions must: (1) be in English, (2) have been written while the author was a degree-seeking undergraduate, (3) have been submitted and assessed for an undergraduate class between August 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025, (4) be of 3,000-5,000 words in length, (5) be accompanied by a nomination letter from the instructor of the course for which the essay was written. The instructor must be a current member of AWSS. Letters of nomination, accompanied by an electronic copy of the essay in either Word or PDF, should be sent electronically to each of the committee members listed below. Be sure to include both the permanent mailing address and email contact information for the student.

The Graduate Essay Prize is awarded to the author of a chapter or article-length essay on any topic in any field or area of Slavic/East European/Eurasian Studies written by a woman-identifying scholar, or on a topic in Slavic/East European/Eurasian Women's or Gender Studies written by a scholar of any gender. The Graduate Essay Prize carries an award of \$500. This competition is open to current doctoral students and to those who defended a doctoral dissertation in 2024-2025. If the submission is a seminar paper, it must have been written during the 2024-2025 academic year; if a dissertation chapter, it should be accompanied by the dissertation abstract and table of contents. Previous submissions and published materials are ineligible. Essays should be no longer than 50 double-spaced pages, including reference matter, and in English (quoted text in any other language should be translated). Please send a copy of the essay and an updated CV to each member of the Prize Committee as email attachment.

Deadline for both prizes: Completed submissions must be received by September 1, 2025. Please direct any questions to Student Essay Prize Committee Chair, Sara.Dickinson@unige.it

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