

# **The GRCC Social Science Department's Student Research Paper Competition**

Deadline for submissions: April 1, 2010

## **Competition Description:**

The GRCC Social Science Department annually selects a student research paper for special recognition in the form of the Student Research Paper Award. The purpose of this competition is to promote and reward excellence in student research in the Social Sciences: history, political science, economics, geography, sociology, and anthropology. GRCC students who prepare outstanding research papers as part of their work in Social Science courses are encouraged to enter the competition.

This award includes a certificate of recognition and a cash prize. The award-winning project, as well as those of other finalists, will become a permanent part of the GRCC Library's collections and will also be featured on the Social Science Department's webpage.

## **Requirements for Submissions:**

- To be eligible for the 2010 competition, submitted papers must have been completed as part of the requirements for a GRCC Social Science course between the first summer semester of 2009 and April 1, 2010.
- The competition is open to current GRCC students and those who have graduated during the competition year.
- Papers submitted for the competition must focus on a topic within the scope of the Social Sciences, namely history, political science, economics, sociology, geography, or anthropology, and may use any type of quantitative or qualitative methodology.
- Submitted papers must be a minimum length of six pages of text, double spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font, with one-inch margins.
- All submissions must conform to regular academic standards: i.e. papers must reference (cite) any and all sources consulted. Submitted papers may use the Chicago Style, APA, or MLA format for citations.
- In addition to citations, the paper must also contain a complete bibliography.
- Papers submitted must have a separate cover page including the author's name, the title of the paper, the details of the class in which the paper was written, and the date.
- The cover page and the bibliography are not part of the six-page length requirement.
- Students are allowed to submit one paper per year to the Student Research Paper Competition.
- The paper is to be the original work of the student submitting the paper.
- Papers which fail to conform to these criteria will not be considered in the competition.

**Submission Procedure:**

Each paper submission must be endorsed by the Social Science faculty member supervising the project, using the attached competition submission form. This form must be completely filled out and submitted along with the student research paper.

Papers may be submitted in one of two ways. Either submit both the competition submission form and the printed paper to Stacey Herrick in 418 Cook Hall, or email these materials to [sherrick@grcc.edu](mailto:sherrick@grcc.edu). If emailing your paper, attach both the competition submission form and your paper (as an .rtf file) to the email. Be sure to indicate in the “subject” line that this is a submission for the GRCC Social Science Department’s Student Research Paper Competition.

**Evaluation Process:**

Papers will be judged by a faculty committee consisting of not less than three faculty members from the Social Science Department. In the committee evaluation process, emphasis is placed on originality of the thesis, analysis, clarity, quality of presentation, and evidence of comprehensive and systematic research.

Three prizes will be awarded each year. In addition to a certificate of recognition, the following cash prizes will be awarded: \$150 for the First Prize, \$75 for the Second Prize, and \$50 for the Third Prize. All entrants will be notified once the committee has determined the winners of the year’s competition.

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**Submission Form:**  
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Student Research Paper Competition, 2010

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of paper submission: \_\_\_\_\_

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Social Science course title & number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Date paper was initially submitted for course grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Professor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby attest that the paper submitted is my original work and that I have credited all sources referenced and consulted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I endorse this paper for consideration in the GRCC Social Science Department's Student Research Paper Competition.

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(Faculty signature)

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(Date)