Research Prizes in Practical Ethics for Undergraduates

2012-13 Research Prize

Richard Miller, the Director of the Poynter Center, has announced that the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions is accepting applications for the Undergraduate Research Prizes in Practical Ethics. The Poynter Center may award up to ten undergraduates $200 prizes for research in the area of practical ethics. Projects should address theoretical and applied dimensions of a moral issue in public life. Possible projects might include, but are not limited to, political ethics, environmental policy and ethics, biomedical ethics, research ethics, journalistic ethics, corporate responsibility, sexual ethics, and the like.

The Undergraduates Research Prizes in Practical Ethics are awarded in a competitive process. Miller describes the prizes in these terms: “These research prizes aim to stimulate ethical reflection in undergraduate education, reward highly motivated students, and facilitate innovative projects across the disciplines. They enable students to develop close mentoring relationships with IU faculty and take advantage of the input and expertise of the Poynter Center community. We have been pleased to support students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Informatics, the Kelley School of Business, and the School of Public and Environmental Affairs in the past.”

Research in Practical Ethics

Students at IU Bloomington who are conducting research in practical ethics for a class or honors project in Fall 2012 or who are planning to do so in Spring 2013 may apply by October 15, 2012, for a research prize. Awards will be announced by October 29, 2012. Successful applicants will present a brief oral presentation based on the research paper at the Poynter Center in the fall of 2012 or spring of 2013 as a part of the project. The selected students may also submit the final paper for publication on the Poynter Center web site. Successful applicants will be invited to Poynter Center lectures during the academic year. The $200 prize will be awarded to each student after the presentation at the Poynter Center.

The prize is available to students who will be participating in capstone courses, honors projects, and similar research projects. The application process is in the fall semester for fall or spring semester courses/projects.

Please contact Emma Young, eayoung@indiana.edu or 855-0261 if you have questions.

How to Apply

An application should include the following information:
Application
Research Prize in Practical Ethics
Fall 2012-Spring 2013

- Name
- IU Year and major
- Mailing address
- Phone
- Email
- Name of Advisor or Research Mentor
- Description: In a paragraph or two, identify the project you are working on or the study you are conducting, noting the connection to the study of practical ethics.
- Bibliography: Attach a one-page bibliography related to your project.

Submission due to Emma Young, by October 15, 2012.

Submit to the address below or by email in a Word document to eayoung@indiana.edu. (Please state "Research Prize in Practical Ethics" in subject heading.)

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The Poynter Center

The Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions is dedicated to studying a broad range of ethical issues in American public life. Interdisciplinary in aim, the Center uses the full resources of Indiana University to initiate research and teaching across traditional academic boundaries.

The Poynter Center promotes moral deliberation about developments in science and technology, the provision of health care, the aims of higher education, the duties of corporate responsibility, and the challenges of democratic life and culture. Critical reflection about the meaning of rights, community, justice, diversity, power, and virtue provide the more general terms for much of the Center's inquiry.