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Sam Burgess Undergraduate Student Library Research Award 2009

Purpose

Indiana University Bloomington Libraries is pleased to announce the Sam Burgess Undergraduate Library Research Award for 2009. The Sam Burgess Undergraduate Student Library Research Award is supported by an endowment started by an IUB librarian to honor the memory of her late son, a voracious and eclectic reader whose love of learning and zest for life was inspiring. Her support of this endowment is also in recognition of the importance of the IUB libraries to undergraduate education.

The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in undergraduate research papers that incorporate extraordinary skill and creativity in the application of the services, resources, and collections of the IUB Libraries and that demonstrate sophisticated information literacy skills on the part of the undergraduate researcher. Two awards will be given in the amount of \$1000 and \$500.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled as an Indiana University undergraduate at any class level and in any discipline;
- Have completed their research paper for a credit course at Indiana University between January 1, 2008 and March 13, 2009;
- Agree that the paper and application materials will become property of the IUB Libraries and may be publicly displayed or included in IUScholarWorks, IU's digital research repository; and
- Perform individual research (group papers are not eligible).

Evaluation Criteria

Submissions will be judged based on how well they demonstrate the following:

- Sophistication, originality and/or unusual depth or breadth in the use of library resources and collections in any format;
- Effective application of information literacy principles:
 - Determining information needs
 - Evaluating and analyzing information
 - Managing, organizing, and synthesizing information
 - Applying information in the context of the research paper
 - Communicating information in formats appropriate to an academic audience
 - Making responsible use of information by providing appropriate and accurate citations and credits;
- Evidence of significant personal learning and an understanding of the process of research and inquiry; and
- Overall quality of the submission, including editing and grammar.

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel of two faculty who are members of the Bloomington Faculty Council Library Committee and three librarians.

Application Procedure

Applications must include the following:

- Application cover sheet,
- Application check list,
- Nomination form and letter from the supervising faculty member or instructor,
- A 500-750 word essay describing research strategies and application of library tools and resources in completion of the paper,
- A final version of the research paper, and
- A bibliography or other appropriate listing of sources consulted.

When preparing your application package, please:

- Do not use staples,
- Do not bind papers,
- Do not put paper in 3-ring binders,
- Use paper clips, envelopes, or folders.

Application deadline: 5:00 p.m., March 13, 2009. Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted. Applications become property of the IU Libraries and will not be returned.

Submit completed application package to:

Sam Burgess Undergraduate Student Library Research Award Committee
Attn: Susan Yoon
Herman B Wells Library 234
1320 E. 10th Street
Bloomington, IN 47405

Award Notification

Winners will be notified no later than May 1, 2009.