Russian, Central Eurasian and East European SG Now Accepting Submissions for 2015-16 Student Awards

Staff
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The Russian, Central Eurasian and East European Specialty Group (RCEEE SG) is pleased to announce two student award opportunities (Paper Award, and Field Research Travel Award) for the 2015-16 academic year. We offer a Student Paper Award ($150) and a Field Research Travel Award ($250).

Student Paper Award

We invite submissions from all students who will present their paper at the Annual AAG meeting or at a regional AAG meeting if attending the national meeting is impossible during the 2015-16 academic year.

An award of $150 will be made to the best undergraduate or graduate student paper submitted to the RCEEE SG Student Paper Award Committee. The deadline for submission is March 15, 2016.

Guidelines for the awards:

1. The competition is open to all student members of the AAG.
2. Papers will be judged on their overall quality, creativity and contribution to furthering the geographical understanding of Russia, Central Eurasia or Eastern Europe. We particularly encourage work that is well-informed about the study region and demonstrates familiarity with the appropriate scholarly literature.
3. Papers should be single-authored, double-spaced, in 12-point font, and no more than 20 pages in length (i.e., a minimum of 5,000 words and a maximum of 8,000), excluding any references, tables, maps and figures, and a required abstract.
4. In the electronic submission, authors should indicate their name, institution, and level of study (MA, PhD), as well as when and at what conference the paper was/will be presented.
5. To be considered for this award, students must submit electronic copies of their paper by M, 2016 to the chair of the RCEEE-SG Awards Committee, Nat Trumbull, at trumbull [at] uconn [dot] edu.

Please direct any questions you may have about the Student Paper Competition to Nat Trumbull.

To make this competition a success, we ask that faculty members encourage their undergraduate or graduate students at all levels to enter the competition. All student members who submit a paper will receive a one-year free membership in the RCEEE SG.

Field Research Travel Award

The RCEEE-SG Field Research Travel Award is awarded to support student field research or research-related language study. The amount for this year’s award is $250.00.
Interested graduate or undergraduate students should prepare a research proposal for submission to the Student Awards Committee. The deadline for submission is **March 15, 2016**.

**Guidelines for the awards:**

1. The competition is open to all student members of the AAG.

2. We encourage proposals for exploratory and pre-dissertation field research, as well as projects that combine research and area studies if a compelling case is made. Such proposals should clearly indicate research questions or research themes, significance and goals of the proposed travel, and a budget narrative that describes how the monetary award will be used.

3. Dissertation-related proposals should be 8-10 pages in length, 12 point font, and double spaced. The proposal should clearly include research questions, literature review, conceptual framework, methodology, significance and goals of the proposed work, and a budget narrative that describes how the monetary award will be used.

4. If a student has already incurred expenses listed in the budget by the time of the award announcement, the student may use the award to cover those expenses.

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Results of the award competitions will be announced via the RCEEE SG website and listserv, as well as by email to the awardees. Awards will be formally made at the RCEEE-SG business meeting. The winners’ names and paper/project titles will be forwarded to the AAG for publication in the AAG Newsletter. The RCEEE Awards Committee maintains the right to annul this year’s competition should submissions not meet award guidelines or the Committee receives too few submissions to warrant a competition.