If you’ve either written an essay or plan to write one that you consider as contributing usefully to an area of study, debate, or discovery in the academic field of your degree program (or even another field that you happen to have studied in depth), submit it to an essay contest for prizes such as checks, travel awards, and conference fee waivers. Winning an essay contest can also improve your resume, impress and influence future employers to hire you, and showcase your ability to write well. See the following inexhaustive list for links to each graduate essay by discipline and make sure to follow the guidelines and submit by the deadline of the contest you enter. Some may require attendance at a certain conference, or membership in a particular organization. Let the LUC Writing Center know if you win!

General:

- [HNET’S Article Prize Listserv](HNET’S Article Prize Listserv) (Humanities and Social Sciences Online)
- [Winning Scholarship Essay Tips](Winning Scholarship Essay Tips) (Fastweb)

By Field:

**Afro-American and African Studies**
- [Graduate Student Paper Prize](Graduate Student Paper Prize) (African Studies Association)

**Anthropology**
- [Elsie Clews Parsons Award for Best Graduate Student Paper](Elsie Clews Parsons Award for Best Graduate Student Paper) (American Anthropological Association)

**Art**
- [Archives of American Art Graduate Research Essay Prize](Archives of American Art Graduate Research Essay Prize)

**Comparative Studies**
- [Annual Prize Essays](Annual Prize Essays) (Comparative Studies)

**Creative Writing**
- [Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize](Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize) (University of Pittsburgh)
- [Drue Heintz Literature Prize](Drue Heintz Literature Prize) (University of Pittsburgh)
- [Tony Hillerman Prize](Tony Hillerman Prize) (St. Martin’s Press)
- [Writing Contests & Grants](Writing Contests & Grants) (Poets & Writers)

**Economics**
- [Mark Blaug Student Essay Prize](Mark Blaug Student Essay Prize) (Foundation for European Economic Development)
- [Don Lavoie Memorial Graduate Student Essay Competition](Don Lavoie Memorial Graduate Student Essay Competition) (The Society for the Development of Austrian Economics)

**English**
- [Annual Essay Prize](Annual Essay Prize) (Society for Linguistic Anthropology)
- [A. Owen Aldridge Prize](A. Owen Aldridge Prize) (American Comparative Literature Association)
- [Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contest](Ayn Rand Institute Essay Contest)
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- **Book History Essay Prize** (The Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing)
- **Carl. S. Meyer Prize** (Sixteenth Century Society & Conference)
- **Donald Gray Prize** (NAVSA)
- **English: Journal of the English Association Postgraduate Essay Prize**
- **Graduate Student Essay Awards** (Children’s Literature Association)
- **Graduate Student Essay Award** (NeMLA)
- **Goethe Prize** (English Goethe Society)
- **Jane Austen Society of North America Essay Contest**
- **Journal of Victorian Culture Graduate Student Essay Prize**
- **NLH (New Literary History)**.
- **Horst Frenz Prize** (American Comparative Literature Association)
- **RES (The Review in English Studies)**
- **Richard Stein Essay Prize**
- **Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship Graduate Student Essay Contest**
- **The Anthony Ellis Prize for the Best Paper by a Graduate Student** (The Comparative Drama Conference)
- **The Betrand Russell Society Student Essay Competition**
- **The Bruce Harkness Young Scholar Award** (The Joseph Conrad Society of America)
- **The Bruns Essay Prize** (The Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts)
- **The Dante Prize and the Charles Hall Grandgent Award** (The Dante Society of America)
- **The Hamilton Prize** (Victorian Review)
- **The Joan Leach Memorial Graduate Essay Prize** (The Gaskell Journal)
- **The Robert B. Partlow Prize** (The Dickens Society)
- **The Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Graduate Student Essay Prize**
- **The Susan Morgan Graduate Student Essay Prize** (INCS)
- **The Thomas Hardy Association Student Essay Prize**
- **The Trollope Prize** (The University of Kansas)
- **Van Arsdale Graduate Student Essay Prize** (RVSP)
- **The Thomas Hardy Association Student Essay Prize**

*German Studies*

- **The GSA Prize for the Best Essay in German Studies by a Graduate Student**
- **Hohendahl Graduate Essay Prize**

*History*

- **American Historical Association’s Pelzer Prize**
- **American Society for Legal History’s Preyer Prize**
- **Dapim: Studies on the Holocaust Essay Prize**
- **Design History Society Student Essay Prize**
• Graduate Student Prize in Applied Military History (The Society for Military History)
• The Henry L. Feingold Graduate Student Essay Prize (American Jewish Historical Society)
• The History of Education Society Graduate Student Essay Prize
• Hugh F. Rankin Graduate Prize in Louisiana History
• The Michigan Historical Review
• The Nathan Reingold Prize (History of Science Society)
• Naval History Essay Contest (U.S. Naval Institute)

Law
• American Bar Foundation’s Graduate Student Paper Prize
• American Association of Law Libraries’s Morris Cohen Prize
• Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest (ABA Section of Family Law)
• Law & Social Inquiry Graduate Student Paper Competition
• Law Student Writing Competitions & Associated Scholarships (Lewis & Clark Law School)
• Legal Writing Competitions (Cleveland-Marshall College of Law)
• The Expert Institute’s Annual Legal Writing Scholarship
• Writing Competitions and Contests (American Bar Association)

Mathematics
• ASA Student Paper Competitions (Association for Women in Mathematics)
• Clifton Memorial Prize (Philosophy of Logic Math Physics)
• Pierce Essay Prize (The Charles S. Peirce Society)

Middle East Studies
• JMEWS (Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies)

Philosophy
• Annual Student Essay Prize (British Society for the History of Philosophy)
• Graduate Essay Prize (Graduate Student Essay Prize)
• Sanders Graduate Student Awards (American Psychological Association)
• William James Prize (American Psychological Association)

Psychology
• American Counseling Association Graduate Essay Prize
• Search Scholarships, Grants and Awards (American Psychological Association)

Science
• AAAS Student Essay Competition
• Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation Essay Prize
• Shryock Medal Essay Contest (American Association for the History of Medicine)
• Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences Article Prize
Slavic, Eastern European, or Eurasian Studies

- **Aseees Graduate Student Essay Prize**
- **Association for Women in Slavic Studies Graduate Essay Prize**

Social and Political Philosophy

- **Mind Graduate Essay Prize**

Theology

- **Graduate Student Essay Contest** (Westar Institute’s Christianity Seminar)
- **The Clark Award** (Theta Alpha Kappa)
- **The John William Wevers Prize in Septuagint Studies** (The International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies)
- **NAPS Outstanding Student Paper Prizes** (The North American Patristics Society)
- **SBL Regional Scholar Award** (Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion)