

AULA Library Research Award 2019

The AULA Library Research Award recognizes excellence in library research. Library research is defined as research employing existing information, from peer-reviewed scholarship to archival material, articles to books to ephemera. If you meet the following criteria, please consider submitting your paper for consideration:

- Did you or your group use materials from the AULA Library collections, materials available in either electronic or paper format?
- Did you complete and submit a research paper for a class, project period, workshop, or independent study from April 1, 2018 through April 1, 2019?
- Did your use of library collections and services make a difference in your research paper? Did you choose resources that benefitted the quality of your understanding of a topic and were you able to successfully synthesize those materials into your paper?
- Did your skills as a researcher grow because of your use of library collections?
- Did pursuing your use of library collections inform and strengthen your understanding of the collection as a whole, and the avenues available as you pursue your studies?

Application Deadline

The application deadline to turn in all documents for the 2019 prize is Friday, April 12, 2019.

Award Categories

There will be three awards distributed, two for students in a graduate program (one MFA, one Social Sciences) and one student in Undergraduate Studies.

Award Ceremony

The award ceremony will be held in the AULA Library, June 2019. Date to be announced.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a currently enrolled AULA student.
- Have completed and submitted a research paper for a class, workshop, or independent study between April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019.
- Have used AULA Library resources, print or digital (although not exclusively) for their research.
- Agree to allow the AULA Library to showcase the research paper and reflective essay in-house or online.
- Agree to attend and present, in person or virtually, on their research paper at the award ceremony in June 2019.

Application Procedure

Please submit your application electronically to llepore@antioch.edu with “Library Research Award” typed in the subject line.

1. Application cover sheet.
2. A 600-800 word reflective essay describing in detail your research process. This essay is important for the judges to understand why you chose the sources you did, to give them an opportunity to contextualize your research. Discuss the steps and methods used to find your resources and make connections (Please see “Tips for Writing an Essay” below).
3. A final version of the paper. It is permissible to improve upon a paper you turned in for a class before submitting it for consideration.
4. A bibliography in a recognized style. Tips on the [bibliography's format and contents](#) are available online at the Purdue OWL website.
5. Applicants must email the cover sheet, reflective essay, research paper, and bibliography as attachments to llepore@antioch.edu. Use “Library Research Award” in subject line.

Confirmation

Applicants will receive an email confirming receipt of a completed application packet within two or three business days after receipt of all the materials.

If you have questions about the application procedure, email llepore@antioch.edu. Type “Library Research Award” in the subject line.

Tips for Writing the Essay

The reflective essay is a core part of the application for the award. It is your opportunity to describe and explain the motivation and process of your research. Consider: What drew you to the subject of your research? How did you formulate a research idea? How did you find the resources? Was it a deliberate and planned search or serendipity? Both? How were the resources significant to your paper? If you worked with a librarian, how did that inform and affect your research process? What did you learn and how did you apply those tools and ideas to your research? What surprised you, motivated you, intrigued you? Remember that research materials include everything used---articles, books, interviews, films, and archive material of all kinds. We recommend that you do a thorough revisiting of your bibliography before writing the essay; it gives you an opportunity to reflect and analyze, for yourself and your readers, your research process and the ensuing work.

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