

DONNA NELSON-BEENE

Excellence in Research Writing Award

Spring 2019

INVITATION TO SUBMIT

Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Eligibility & Submission Guidelines

To be eligible,

- be a degree-seeking BGSU student (full or part time),
- be nominated by GSW faculty (two max per section),
- submit a project that demonstrates synthesized argumentation,
- submit a project 2,000 – 2,500 words in length (or the digital equivalent), and
- use MLA or APA citation style in the project submitted.

To submit a project, or to contact the General Studies Writing office for more information about prize guidelines, contact us:

gsw@bgsu.edu; 2-7885

The Donna Nelson-Beene Excellence in Research Writing Award is given each year to the best argument-based researched project composed in General Studies Writing 1120: Academic Writing. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge outstanding writing in GSW 1120 courses and to reward students for excellence in research-based writing.

Entries for 2019 will need to be submitted in the spring, on or before May 1st, 2019. One top prize of \$250 in the form of a check will be awarded. Additionally the winner will be recognized at GSW's Celebration on Writing Showcase sometime during the fall semester, in the First Year Experience Newsletter, the BG News, and on the General Studies Writing website.

Contest Rules:

1. Entries must have been written for General Studies Writing 1120 assignments by students enrolled in a GSW 1120 class during the current academic year.
2. Students must currently be either full-time or part-time degree-seeking students at BGSU.
3. Entries must have been written in response to the Researched Project assignment in GSW 1120.
4. Entries may reflect suggestions that the instructor has made for revision, but the project must exhibit the student's own reasoning and writing ability. Clean copies only.
5. Instructors should submit entries to the GSW office; submission packets must contain the following:
 - a cover sheet which lists the student's name, ID number, paper title, email address, home address, telephone number, instructor's name, and section number;
 - the instructor's assignment sheet for the Researched Project;
 - and the student's project.

Note: Please remove all identifying information (names, emails, etc.) from the projects and assignment sheets before submitting them to GSW.
6. Multimodal or digital submissions are welcome. In such cases, the instructor should email the project to kjennin@bgsu.edu and submit the cover sheet and assignment sheet to the GSW office.
7. Multiple entries from the same student are not permitted.
8. Instructors may submit no more than two students from each GSW 1120 section.
9. Judging will be handled by a group of full-time instructors from General Studies Writing and members of the General Studies Writing Awards Committee. At no stage of the judging process of submitted projects will an instructor evaluate his or her own students' work.
10. Entries will be judged on originality of thought, quality of writing, and adherence to the conventions governing researched academic writing.
11. Researched projects must include the following:
 - academic and scholarly sources,
 - synthesis of sources,
 - MLA or APA source documentation,
 - at least 2,000 words (roughly eight full pages of text, or the digital equivalent), and
 - evidence of argument-supported critical thinking.

Questions? Contact the GSW Office at 419-372-7885