Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence 2014-2015

The Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence (hereafter the Shanklin Award) was established by the Graduate Student Senate as a meritorious award to recognize excellence in original research by graduate students at Bowling Green State University. Mr. Charles E. Shanklin, a Bowling Green State University alumnus, generously contributed funds to Graduate Student Senate to further graduate research; thus, a special account for the Shanklin Award was established.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERION

Any graduate student currently registered at BGSU and in good standing with the established requirements of the Graduate College is eligible to compete for the Shanklin Award. All forms of original research conducted at least in part while a graduate student at BGSU (including portions of dissertation and thesis work) are eligible for consideration. Each eligible student may submit one written research report per academic year. For co-authored papers, each author must meet the eligibility criteria. Failure to attend any of the competition events (oral presentation and reception) will result in disqualification from the competition.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Only one paper may be submitted per graduate student, however, each individual graduate student may specify the division that they wish to enter. The deadline is January 30, 2015. Please note: Any papers received after this deadline will not be eligible for competition.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE SHANKLIN AWARD

There will be a 1st place award of $1,250.00 and a runner-up award of $750.00 in each of the following divisions:

1. Arts and Humanities
2. Social and Behavioral Sciences
3. Sciences and Mathematics

For the purpose of this research award, each division includes the following graduate programs:

Arts and Humanities
Art
English/ Creative Writing
German, Russian, East Asian Languages
Music
Philosophy
Romance and Classical Studies (French, Spanish)
Theatre and Film
School of Cultural and Critical Studies

Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences
Accounting
Business Administration (MBA)
Business Education
Classroom Technology
College Student Personnel
Communication Disorders
Criminal Justice
Cross Cultural, International Education
Curriculum & Teaching
Economics
Education
Educational Foundation, Leadership & Policy Studies
Food and Nutrition
Gerontology
German, Russian, East Asian Languages
German & Political Science
Higher Education Administration
History
Human Movement, Sports & Leisure Studies
Intervention Services
Learning Design
School of Media & Communication Studies
Organization Development (MOD)
Public Administration (MPA)
Public Health
Psychology
Reading
Sociology

Sciences and Mathematics
Analytics
Architecture
Applied Geospatial Science
Applied Statistics & Operations Research
Biological Sciences
Chemistry
Computer Science
THE SHANKLIN COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

Written research reports will be submitted (instructions on submission follows) to the Graduate Student Senate. The copies of the papers (with identification removed) will then be forwarded to the judges of the appropriate division. The judges will then select two finalists from each division (please refer to The Evaluation Criteria for the Preliminary Competition).

SHANKLIN FINALIST PRESENTATION SESSION

The two finalists in each division will give a 15-18 minute presentation of their paper followed by a 3-5 minute question and answer period on March 24, 2015 from 3:00-5:00 pm the Bowen Thompson Student Union. First place and runner-up positions will be determined on the basis of written research reports, oral presentations, and responses to questions (please refer to Evaluation Criteria for the Presentation). Finalists will be notified via email in early March. The judges’ final awards decision will be announced at the Charles E. Shanklin and Graduate Student Senate Awards Ceremony during the presentation of the Charles E. Shanklin Awards on the evening of March 24, 2015.

COMPOSITION OF THE PANEL OF JUDGES

The panel of judges will consist of nine members of the graduate faculty and there will be three faculty members from each of the discipline categories of Arts & Humanities, Sciences and Mathematics, and Social Sciences and Behavioral Sciences. The judges of each division will evaluate the written research papers within their respective divisions and choose two finalists. The entire panel of nine judges will evaluate the finalists’ oral presentations to determine the first place and runner-up awards in each division.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

The finalists in each division will be selected on the quality of their research as reflected in their papers with respect to:

1. Demonstrated comprehension (understanding and explanation of problem and objectives of research)
2. Thoroughness of research (literature review, analysis of data.)
3. Content (organization, consistency, and quality of writing)
4. Originality and uniqueness

These qualities should be reflected in the abstract as well (see Instructions for Submission of Papers). In the initial stages of evaluation, the abstract will play an important role in the determination of potential finalists.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE FINAL PRESENTATION**

In addition to the written report, finalists will be judged on the quality of the oral presentation of their research. Visual aids (PowerPoint presentations, slides, film, etc.) may be used. The presentation will be evaluated for:

1. Clarity - Finalists should make their presentation understandable to an audience of all divisions.
2. Merit - The oral presentation should demonstrate the same qualities exhibited in the paper.
3. Professionalism – Punctuality and professional attire is mandatory for all finalists. Command of subject and agility in responding to questions is included in this category.
4. Timing - Finalists must limit their oral presentation to 15-18 minutes followed by 3-5 minutes for questions.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF A SHANKLIN AWARDS PAPER**

Papers not conforming to these guidelines will be returned to the author. Returned papers may be corrected and resubmitted prior to the deadline. No extensions will be granted. Your submission must be received online through the Graduate Student Senate OrgSync web page: [https://orgsync.com/9942/forms/128215](https://orgsync.com/9942/forms/128215) by **January 30, 2015**. Applicants will receive an e-mail CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT with the time and date of submission from OrgSync.

(NO T E: All submissions must be made via an electronic submission through the GSS OrgSync web page.)

**Cover Page**

The cover page will include the title of the paper (if the research has been published, list here the full journal reference), the author’s name, e-mail address, phone number, department of enrollment, and division of competition in which the paper will compete. The office will delete all personal information on the copies used in judging.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do not include your name anywhere else in the document.

**Abstract**

In many ways the abstract is the most important portion of the paper. It provides the judges with an overview of your work which may carry forward throughout the reading. A one page
(maximum) abstract will follow the cover page. The abstract must be on a separate page. The abstract should be a succinct and clear synopsis of the work that states the problem, specific objectives, methods and procedures, results and conclusions of the research.

**Body of the Paper**

The body of the paper may not exceed 20 double spaced pages (including footnotes and endnotes, but not including tables, figures, references, and appendices). The pages must be numbered.

The paper should be formatted with 1” top, bottom, right, and left margins and all pages must be numbered (in the top, right-hand corner). The font size should be 12 point.

Submit the paper by **January 30, 2015** via electronic submission through the GSS OrgSync form. Please note that papers, which are submitted through the Shanklin awards process, are automatically eligible for non-juried presentation at the Charles E. Shanklin Colloquium on **March 24, 2015**. Please see information on the Charles E. Shanklin Colloquium entrance form if you plan to present the paper at the colloquium.

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