

Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies (INCS) Susan Morgan Graduate Student Essay Prize

Guidelines and Eligibility

- The Susan Morgan prize is awarded annually, following each annual INCS conference. Papers will be evaluated by a panel of judges appointed by the INCS board.
- Eligible essays are by graduate student members of INCS and must be presented for discussion by the author at the INCS conference. Submissions may not exceed the length of 4,000 words (excluding notes, works cited, and translations). Essays over the word length will not be considered. Citation style should follow one of the usual humanities formats, usually Chicago or MLA.
- Essays are evaluated in their conference form. In other words, no additional revisions, corrections, or expansions are permitted following the submission of papers to the conference committee for posting on the conference site. Papers will be removed from the conference website for judging by the panel of judges following the conference.
- Graduate students must designate their wish for their paper to be considered for the prize. **For the 2018 prize, students must let Lynn Voskuil know that they want their papers to be considered by emailing her no later than March 17, 2018. Her email is lvoskuil@uh.edu; please put Susan Morgan prize in the subject line.** For the 2019 prize and beyond, they must designate their wish to be considered by checking the appropriate box on the paper submission portal.
- Decisions will be announced each year during the fall semester that follows the conference, which is usually staged during the spring semester.
- The award is \$500. The winner will also be invited to submit an expanded version of the paper to *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*, the INCS-affiliated peer-reviewed journal.
- The second-place paper will be awarded the designation “Honorable Mention.”
- Papers submitted after the due date for conference papers cannot be considered for the prize. The due date will be determined each year by the conference organizer.
- No judge will be permitted to assess his or her own work or to assess work submitted by anyone with whom the judge has worked closely.
- INCS reserves the right to award no prize in any given year.