

The duPont-Ball Library Research Prizes Spring 2015

RULES AND APPLICATION PROCESS

The duPont-Ball Library announces the opening of competition for the duPont-Ball Library Evans C. Johnson Research Prize and the R. Neil Scott Research Prize. Both Research Prizes are open to all students who completed a research paper in ENGL 101, or First-Year Seminar (FSEM) during the last calendar year (spring, summer, or fall semesters, 2014). The contest is sponsored by the duPont-Ball Library to encourage the thorough, effective, creative, and ethical uses of research resources. **\$200 in prizes may be awarded for each prize.**

Papers will be judged on the following criteria:

- Sophistication, originality and/or unusual depth or breadth in the use of research sources, including, but not limited to, printed resources, databases, primary resources, Web sources, or materials in all media
- Exceptional ability to locate, select, evaluate, and synthesize research resources
- Effective use of research in supporting the thesis of the paper
- Ethical use of all resources, including, but not limited to, complete and appropriately formatted citations to all sources used

The R. Neil Scott Prize will give preference to papers dealing with topics relating to business or economics.

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1. Only research papers completed in ENGL 101 or First-Year Seminar (FSEM) in the last calendar year (spring, summer, or fall semesters of 2014) are eligible.
2. Only papers authored by a single individual are eligible.
3. Submitted papers must be solely the original work of the author and must adhere to the highest ethical standards of research.
4. Entrants must be a currently registered student.
5. Any eligible student may submit his/her own research paper, or papers may be nominated by a professor.
6. Papers can be on any subject, noting that the R. Neil Scott Prize gives preference to subjects related to business or economics.
7. All entries must be typed, titled, and sealed in an envelope, with the contest name indicated on the front of the envelope.
8. A contest cover sheet (which includes permissions) must be filled out and signed by every entrant. This cover sheet should be removable. **No other identifying material should appear on any sheet of the paper.** Contest cover sheets are available in the Library, in the Office of the Department of English, or on the Web at http://stetson.edu/library/prize_cover.pdf
9. Students who wish to enter the same paper in both contests should submit a separate cover sheet for each contest, but need only submit 4 total copies of their paper (rather than eight).
10. Winners will be asked to submit their essays in a Word electronic document.
11. A panel of judges shall be appointed by the Dean of the Library. They will make the prize selection or selections.
12. If the papers submitted do not represent a sufficiently high degree of excellence in the opinion of the judges, the prizes will not be awarded.