

# Robert S. Marshall Prize in Writing

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Department of Classics is currently seeking submissions for its annual Writing Prize recognizing outstanding undergraduate achievement in writing in the discipline.

Research papers written on topics related to any facet of Classical Studies (philosophy and science, history and society, art and architecture, archaeology, Greek language and literature, Latin language and literature, reception studies, religion and myth) will be considered. Only papers written within the previous two years are eligible, and students can only submit one paper per year. Papers must not *already* have won another prize, although they may be submitted simultaneously for other awards.

There are two categories for submission:

1. **Course Essay**—Papers on Classical Studies topics written for an undergraduate course in any discipline at the University of Pittsburgh are eligible. These papers must be at least 8 pages in length (standard Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins, double-spaced, numbered pages). Note that the page length refers to text alone and does NOT include images or bibliography. Images (if present) should appear after the text and before the bibliography in their own section. Images should NOT be embedded in the text. The bibliography should contain scholarly references that consist of both primary and secondary sources.

2. **Honors Thesis or Bachelor of Philosophy Thesis**—Theses written on Classical Studies topics for departmental honors or in partial fulfillment of a Bachelor of Philosophy degree are eligible. It is understood that the Honors Thesis and Bachelor of Philosophy Thesis will meet the formal requirements of the department or the Honors College.

Submissions will be judged by the Classics faculty. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the best papers in each category—Course Essay 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$100; Honors Thesis or Bachelor of Philosophy Thesis 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$250.

### Submission Guidelines

- ✓ All submissions must be accompanied by a Nomination Form (see below) signed by the faculty member in whose class you produced the paper
- ✓ Each paper must be submitted with two cover pages that include—(1) title of paper, course in which the paper was produced, instructor's name and (2) title of paper only
- ✓ Make sure that the body of the paper contains no identifying information (e.g., name, major, PeopleSoft number, etc.)

**Please submit an electronic copy of your paper and the nomination form by 5 p.m. on April 15<sup>th</sup> to Prof. D. Mark Possanza at [possanza@pitt.edu](mailto:possanza@pitt.edu)**

**Nomination Form**  
**Robert S. Marshall Prize in Writing**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of paper (coursework OR B.Phil./honors thesis): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of paper: \_\_\_\_\_

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Course for which the paper was written (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Semester in which the paper was written: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this is my own work and it that it adheres to the University of Pittsburgh's Academic Integrity Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Date

I agree that this paper should be considered for the Robert S. Marshall Prize in Writing.

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Faculty Signature

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Date