

2024 Sylvia Forman Prize

AFA is pleased to invite graduate and undergraduate students to submit essays in feminist anthropology for the Sylvia Forman Student Paper Prize competition, named for the late Sylvia Helen Forman, one of the founders of AFA, whose dedication to both her students and feminist principles contributed to the growth of feminist anthropology. We encourage essays in all four subfields of anthropology. Essays may be based on research on a wide variety of topics including (but not limited to) feminist analysis of women's work, education, reproduction, sexuality, religion, and expressive culture, language, family and kin relations, economic development, gender and material culture, gender and biology, women and development, globalization, and intersectionalities of gender, race, sexuality, and class. The Prize carries an award of \$250 to the undergraduate winner and \$500 to the graduate winner. The AFA is committed to offering mentoring for winners interested in receiving feedback on their submissions.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2024

Eligibility Requirements

1. Candidates must be undergraduates or graduate students, and members of AFA, at the time of submission; there are two separate competitions, one for undergrads and one for grads.
2. Paper manuscripts accepted for publication or published are not eligible.
3. Only one submission per student will be accepted.
4. Candidates cannot receive the same AFA award more than once.

Evaluation Criteria

Essays will be judged on:

1. Significance to scholarship in feminist anthropology
2. Use of feminist anthropological scholarship to analyze research findings
3. Soundness of methodology
4. Effective use of both theory and data
5. Timeliness, relevance, and originality of research topic
6. Organization, quality, and clarity of writing

Application Process

1. Submit a cover letter identifying whether you are an undergraduate or graduate student; provide your institutional affiliation, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address for summer notification.
2. Submit a manuscript that is not more than 35 double-spaced pages, including references cited.

Note: If you have questions or if your essay has been submitted for publication but is not yet accepted, please contact the 2024 Forman Prize Chair, Florence Babb (fbabb@unc.edu) well before the submission deadline.

Prior to review of award submissions, your AFA membership will be verified. Best of luck and thank you for your support of the Association for Feminist Anthropology!

Please email your submission as a single PDF file with the subject line “Sylvia Forman Prize Submission” to: fbabb@unc.edu. It will be helpful if you name your submitted file: last name/ Forman/ undergrad or grad.

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