

Annual Peter Gould Student Paper Award

Abstract Submission Deadline: **October 23, 2015**

Sponsored by the Health and Medical Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers

Description: The Health and Medical Geography Specialty Group (HMGSG) of AAG invites current undergraduate and graduate students to submit their work to the specialty group's annual Peter Gould Student Paper Competition. The competition is meant to promote written scholarship by students across the field. A \$250 prize will be awarded in each of two categories: 1) undergraduate students, and 2) graduate students (Master's and Doctoral).

Eligibility: The competition is open to undergraduate, masters, and doctoral level students. Papers must be completed in the past 12 months prior to the submission deadline, and have not been previously considered for the competition. Papers published prior to the extended abstract deadline will not be considered. Papers can be either single-authored or coauthored. For co-authored papers, the student should be the first author and responsible for over 80% of the analysis and writing. For a co-authored paper, a statement signed by the student and advisor regarding the student's contribution (including percentage) is required. Membership in the Association of American Geographers and HMGSG is required.

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the HMGSG Awards Committee. Selected abstracts will be invited to present at a HMGSG sponsored session during the 2016 AAG Annual Conference. Winners will be selected based on their written paper and oral presentation. Papers will be judged by the HMGSG Awards Committee on several criteria: originality, scholarship, organization, appropriate use of methodology, written composition, and oral presentation. Finalists are required to present at a 2016 AAG HMGSG sponsored session for the Peter Gould Student Paper Award to be considered for the award.

Submission & Review: The timeline for the competition is as follows:

October 23 2015 An extended abstract (500-word limit) of your paper is due. The abstract should clearly state the purpose, methodology, and findings of the research. Please include your Personal Identification Number (PIN) for 2016 AAG.

October 30 2015 The Awards Committee selects the best extended abstracts (undergrad, grad) for submission of full papers. Selected abstracts will be added into a sponsored HMGSG session at the AAG. You will receive notification about the Awards Committee decision by this date.

1 February 2016 Your full paper must be electronically submitted to the paper coordinator.

**29 March-
2 April 2016** Finalists present paper at an HMGSG sponsored session during the 2016 AAG Annual Conference for the paper competition.

2 April 2016

Winners will be notified in early April, and publicly announced at the HMGSG business meeting and at the AAG Award Luncheon. Winners will receive a ticket to the Luncheon and a monetary prize of \$250. Results of the competition will be also be published on the HMGSG website.

Requirements: The final full paper must include a 500-word abstract, and be no longer than 5,000 words (excluding tables, references, and captions). Authors are also encouraged to submit the names of at least 3 possible reviewers who are not affiliated with the research. Ensure that the purpose, methodology, and findings of the research are clearly stated in the abstract. The body of the paper should be double-spaced, 12-point font size and one-inch margins. Remove any identifying information (e.g. name). References should be in AAG style. Submit the paper as a single PDF file with all figures and tables included in the document. Include a title page without author information within this PDF document.

Students presenting their papers should plan on a 15 minute presentation with 5 minutes of questions from the audience and review committee.

Submission of the extended abstract and final paper will be done electronically as an email attachment to the Paper Coordinator (contact information below). Include the following information in the body of the email message: Your full name, address, telephone and fax numbers, email address, department and university affiliation, name of advisor or mentor, and title of the paper. Please put “HMGSG Student Paper Competition” in the subject line.

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