



The Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation

The Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation invites students to submit essays to the

Student Essay Competition

- Essays should be up to 3,000 words long (excluding references and appendices) and address any topic in health services or health policy.
- The Hall Foundation will award three prizes annually for the best submissions
 - Best doctoral submission \$1500
 - Best masters submission: \$1250
 - Best undergraduate submission: \$1000
- Winning essays will be selected by a panel appointed by the President of the Hall Foundation.
- Titles of the winning essays will be posted on the Hall Foundation website and displayed at a poster contest organized by the Hall Foundation at the annual CAHSPR conference.
- Please submit your essay as a pdf file or word document to *Susan Law* at susan.law.chsm@sss.gouv.qc.ca by **Friday, March 25, 2011**. Please include the following:
 - Name, and contact information (email, phone, address)
 - University
 - Department and program of enrolment
 - Program coordinator and contact information
 - 3,000 word essay

Essays may be submitted in English or in French and may be based on course or thesis work. For more information, please contact *Susan Law* at

susan.law.chsm@sss.gouv.qc.ca.

The Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation Student Essay Competition – Terms of Reference

Purpose and overview:

In 2008, the Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation launched its annual student essay competition. The intent is to foster Canadian health economics and health policy research among undergraduate and graduate students. The competition was publicized in French and English through undergraduate and graduate programs in economics, health policy, health administration, community and public health and applied health research programs (including CIHR/CHRSF funded regional training centres) across Canada, CAHSPR, and other local applied health research networks. Over 50 essays have been submitted since the launch of this competition across 3 categories. Essays were reviewed and scored independently by two of the three member panel of judges to avoid potential conflicts of interest – so that double blind protocols were maintained as much as possible.

Eligibility:

- Students registered at a Canadian University in undergraduate or graduate (masters or PhD) studies related to any of the following fields:
 - health services research
 - health policy
 - health administration
 - health economics
 - health informatics
 - public health
 - epidemiology and biostatistics.
- Students with a Canadian citizenship registered at a university outside the country are also eligible to participate.
- Essay submissions are limited to one per student.
- If an essay submission has more than one co-author, all co-authors must be students.
- Open to both full-time and part-time students
- Essays must arise from course work in the previous 18 months, and must not have been previously published.

Themes:

Essays must address at least one of the five criteria for a national health service advocated by Justice Emmett Hall in the 1964 Royal Commission on Health Services Report that later formed the principles for the Canada Health Act:

- 1) Public administration
- 2) Comprehensiveness
- 3) Universality
- 4) Portability
- 5) Accessibility

Format:

- A removable cover sheet must contain the essay title along with the student's contact information (name, email, phone, and address), university, department and program of enrolment and program coordinator and contact information.
- A second cover sheet must include only the essay title and a brief description on the essay's relevance to at least one the competition's theme (250 words).
- The student's name must NOT appear anywhere on the essay.
- The essay must NOT exceed 3,000 words in length and may be submitted in either English or French.
- For referencing source material, the American Psychological Association style is acceptable.

Evaluation:

Each essay will be judged on the five criteria below:

- 1) **Quality of analyses:** arguments must be convincing, substantiated, and understandable
- 2) **Thoroughness of research:** types and varieties of source material
- 3) **Originality:** author demonstrated new and innovative approaches and essay will add to Canadian health services or health policy research
- 4) **Relevance to the Canadian health care system:** relevance to at least one of the competition's themes
- 5) **Quality of writing:** style, clarity and organization.

Deadline:

- Essays must be submitted as a .pdf file or word document to Susan Law at susan.law.chsm@ssss.gouv.qc.ca by **March 25 of the current year**. Winners will be notified by **April 30** of the current year.
- The winning essays will be selected by a panel appointed by the President of the Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation.

Prizes:

- The Justice Emmett Hall Memorial Foundation will award three prizes for the best submission:
 - Best doctoral submission \$1,500
 - Best masters submission \$1,250
 - Best undergraduate submission \$1,000
- Prizes will be awarded at the Canadian Association for Health Services Policy and Research conference.
- Students unable to attend the conference will receive their award by postal mail.

Publication:

Only the title and author(s) of the winning essays will be posted on the Hall Foundation website (<http://www.econ.uregina.ca/hall/>)