

First Nations History Award

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS 31 AUGUST 2021 at 5:00 pm

Preamble

The History Council of NSW's First Nations History Award, originally named the Aboriginal History Prize until 2020, was first awarded in 2016. Its purpose is to encourage students and other beginning historians (up to post-doctoral career) in the writing of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history from original sources. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to submit entries.

The winner will receive a citation and a **prize of \$2,000**. The winning entry will demonstrate excellence in addressing its subject, proficiency in the use of original materials and clarity of exposition.

Rules

1. The nominated work may be submitted in the form of an essay or paper not previously published. Work extracted from a larger project (e.g. a thesis) must be cast in a self-contained, free-standing format. **An electronic copy of the nominated work in PDF format should be submitted. Please do not make any reference to the author's name in the paper.**
2. The nominated work must demonstrate competence in the use of primary source material.
3. Eligible entries must be up to 6,000 words including footnotes and represent work substantially undertaken between **1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020**. Please note that papers longer than 6,000 words will not be considered.
4. Eligible entrants may be students at educational institutions or any person in the community at large beginning to write history. ***Current academics and persons with doctorates are ineligible.***

5. Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia.
6. Nominations may be made by persons other than the author, provided that the author's agreement has been secured. Nominations must be for the work of individuals.
7. Only one entry may be submitted per entrant.
8. Previously unsuccessful entries may be resubmitted only if they include substantial new research undertaken in this period, as required by the declaration to be signed on the nomination form. Previous winners are ineligible.
9. Entrants must certify that the entry is their own work and that the materials used or quoted in the text are adequately acknowledged.
10. It is a condition of entry that works will not be returned.

A panel of expert members of the historical profession is appointed annually by the General Council to serve as judges. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. The General Council reserves the right not to make an award in any year.

All works are judged anonymously. Please remove any reference to the author on the submitted work.

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