

## UNHCR Award for Statelessness Research

Nominations for the UNHCR Award for Statelessness Research are now open. Academic institutions are invited to nominate research by undergraduate, graduate and doctoral researchers in the field of statelessness. Three awards from a total prize pool of USD 4,000 will be granted to the best research papers in each category.

*The deadline for nominations is 17:00 hours, Greenwich Mean Time, 1 July 2015.*

### 2015 Nomination Guidelines

#### Topic

Any work that offers a clear contribution to increasing understanding of the nature and scope of the problem of statelessness, identifying stateless populations and understanding the reasons which have led to statelessness, in particular in regions or within disciplines where little research has been done, may be nominated for the Award. Research exploring other topics directly relating to statelessness may also be nominated, including such questions as the operation of legal safeguards to prevent the occurrence of statelessness, the denial or deprivation of nationality resulting in statelessness, protection frameworks for stateless persons and experiences of statelessness from historic, economic, anthropological, sociological, psychological or political perspectives.

#### Eligibility

Nominations may cover research in any discipline. The research may be theoretical in nature or incorporate empirical and/ or field research. All nominations must meet the benchmarks in terms of methodology and analysis that are applicable within the relevant discipline. Any research completed in the year prior to the nomination deadline is eligible: nominations are accepted for any **work completed between 1 May 2014 and 1 June 2015**. Only work written in the English language is eligible for nomination. There are no word limits in any of the categories.

The three nomination categories are:

1. Undergraduate dissertation, or non-dissertation work of a comparable level by an advanced undergraduate or graduate student
2. Graduate (masters) dissertation, or work of a comparable level by a doctoral student (published or presented paper/article)
3. Doctoral thesis

#### Selection

An internal jury within Tilburg University will conduct a pre-selection of nominations, screening for eligibility and quality. The most accomplished works will be forwarded to members of an International Expert Jury, composed of leading academics and practitioners working on statelessness. Nominated research will be judged on the following criteria:

- ✓ Contribution to increasing understanding of the nature and scope of the problem of statelessness, identifying stateless populations and understanding the reasons which have led to statelessness
- ✓ Timeliness and importance of selected topic
- ✓ Quality of research
- ✓ Quality of writing

### **Nomination Procedure**

All nominations must be submitted by or on behalf of the member of the academic staff who has been involved in supervising the student's work and can testify as to its quality. Each university can nominate a maximum of two students per award category. To nominate a student for the Award, you must submit:

1. A completed **Nomination Form**, which can be downloaded from the website of UNHCR and Tilburg University. This form requests: contact and other details of the student and nominating member of academic staff, an endorsement by the nominating member of academic staff, a bio outlining relevant experience of the student and an abstract of the paper or dissertation.
2. The **full text of the paper or dissertation** that has been nominated (anonymised for blind review).

### **Submissions**

Nominations should be submitted by email to [Statelessness.Award@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:Statelessness.Award@tilburguniversity.edu) and [Statelessness.Award@unhcr.org](mailto:Statelessness.Award@unhcr.org).

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### **Award Announcement**

Winners will be announced in November 2015. In addition to prize money, winners will receive an award certificate signed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

### **Further Questions**

Any questions relating to the eligibility or assessment criteria, or the nomination procedure, can be directed to [Statelessness.Award@tilburguniversity.edu](mailto:Statelessness.Award@tilburguniversity.edu) or [Statelessness.Award@unhcr.org](mailto:Statelessness.Award@unhcr.org).