

Philosophy Matters Prize

The Philosophy Matters Prize is awarded to the **best undergraduate and graduate student essays** that showcase the continued relevance of philosophy to concrete issues facing us in the world. Up to two undergraduate and one graduate prize in the amount of \$200 will be awarded at the 2012 Spring Philosophy Commencement.

Essays in all traditions and areas of philosophy are welcome. Essays may discuss issues that emerge in canonical philosophical texts and in the history of Western and non-Western philosophy. Independent reflection on the relevance of these texts and issues in our lives is encouraged. We will also consider essays that engage relevant and appropriate sources from outside the classroom (for example, current events and issues confronting the world, the plight of minorities in the present and the past, the student's experience in college and beyond, rights and responsibilities towards nonhuman animals, and others). Papers can thus bring philosophical reflection to bear on issues related to human experience, society and politics, culture, the environment, intersections of gender, race, class, ability, and others.

To be considered for the Philosophy Matters Prize, submit your essay by email in a standard format (doc, pdf, rtf) to uophil@uoregon.edu no later than **Tuesday, May 15**. Submissions must be double-spaced and must not exceed 20 pages in length. Please indicate in the subject line that your essay is a submission for the Philosophy Matters Prize.

Please note that each student may submit only one essay per academic year. Submitting an essay for the prize indicates approval of posting the essay on the Department of Philosophy website in the event that it is selected for the prize. Winning undergraduate essays will be selected by faculty on the Undergraduate Studies Committee. The winning graduate essay will be selected by faculty on the Graduate Studies Committee.