

The Royal Air Force Museum Undergraduate Prize in Air Power Studies

The Royal Air Force Museum Undergraduate Prize is awarded annually by the Royal Air Force Museum, on the recommendation of a selection panel consisting of members of its Research Board, to reward original undergraduate research in the field of air power studies. It carries a monetary value of £125.

Area of research:

Air Power Studies

Eligibility requirements:

The prize is open to dissertations by final year undergraduate students, without regard to nationality or academic affiliation. For this competition, 'air power studies' is to be understood in its broadest sense, encompassing not only the history of air warfare broadly defined, but also related fields such as archaeology, international relations, strategic studies, law and ethics, and museology. The prize is not confined to works focused on the RAF but includes those which help tell the Service's story.

If you are not sure of your eligibility, then please contact the RAF Museum's Historian, Dr. Ross Mahoney (ross.mahoney@rafmuseum.org).

Amount awarded: £125 (the prize will be awarded in sterling only)

Applications open: 1 July 2017 to 1 October 2017

Entries:

Prize entries should be written in English and take the form of a dissertation based on original research. The length must not exceed the standard length for an undergraduate level dissertation (excluding footnotes and bibliography).

Assessment:

The selection panel will make its decisions based on:

- skill and control in using sources;
- command of evidence;
- clarity and quality of writing;
- whether the entry makes a clearly defined contribution to the knowledge and understanding of an aspect of air power studies; and
- originality.

The selection panel consists of the following members of the RAF Museum's Research Board:

- Chair: Ian Thirsk (Royal Air Force Museum)
- Dr Ross Mahoney (Royal Air Force Museum)
- Professor Richard Overy (University of Exeter)
- Air Commodore (ret'd) Dr Peter Gray (University of Birmingham)
- Sebastian Cox (Head, Air Historical Branch)
- Professor David Edgerton (King's College London)
- Professor Richard Morris (University of Huddersfield)

The selection panel will advise the prize winner on possible routes for publishing their dissertation. It is also expected that a copy of the dissertation will be deposited in the Archive and Library of the RAF Museum.

Applications

Complete applications, consisting of the prize entry and CV, must be received by the RAF Museum no later than 1 October 2017. Incomplete applications or applications arriving after this date will not be considered. Two supporting letters of reference must be received by no later than 8 October 2017.

Please send applications, by post or email, to:

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