



Booth Library Eastern Illinois University

Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity

2017 Guidelines and Application

Introduction

Booth Library at Eastern Illinois University announces its eighth annual awards program to promote and recognize excellence in student research. The awards program encourages students to utilize the wealth of information available at Booth Library to enhance their studies. These awards are not intended to duplicate or replace any other standing campus awards. Selected entries will become a part of the Booth Library Student Research and Creativity Collection.

Awards

The *Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity* program is open to all Eastern Illinois University students. If campus finances allow, cash prizes of up to \$300 will be awarded, in addition to certificates of recognition.

Timetable

Entries must be delivered to the Administration Office, Room 4700, Booth Library, no later than **March 24, 2017**. Recipients will be selected by April 7, 2017, and the winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 9-14, 2017. Work submitted for competition must have been completed within the last 12 months.

Competition Rules

1. Both individuals and groups of students may submit an entry, with a maximum of two entries per person. If more than one person is involved, you must indicate why a group was necessary and specify each person's contribution to the whole.
2. All entries must describe, in narrative form, the influence that Booth Library's collections, or those from another research collection, played in the success of their work. The use of library or archival resources must be made clear. See "Resource Narrative" in this packet.

3. The product of student research and creative activity may be any of the following; however, this list is not intended to be exhaustive.
 - Written work
 - Artistic work
 - Exhibit
 - Musical work
 - Documentary
 - Performance
 - Digital media
4. An annotated bibliography is required for all entries. The bibliography should contain all primary and secondary sources used in preparing the entry. The annotations for each source must explain how the source was used and how it contributed to the project. The bibliography may be as long as necessary. When using Internet sources, students must link to the specific record used, not just the general website. We encourage students to work with Booth Library's reference librarians for assistance in preparing the annotated bibliography. All entries must contain citations and bibliographic references that follow a standard format regardless of which style manual is used.
5. Students should explain the relationship of their submitted work to their education or research interests in general. If not obvious as part of the submission, a separate sheet must be submitted stating the student's purpose in pursuing the work.
6. The use of Internet sources is acceptable; however, the use of a variety of resources is recommended.
7. All entries must be original works created or finished within the past 12 months. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. All written entries are limited to 25 pages. Students may choose portions of their theses to submit, in which case an abstract of the remainder of the document would be appropriate. Students should explore the accepted publication standards in their discipline.
8. The work submitted must be introduced in such a way that an interdisciplinary panel can understand it. Communicating to a multi-disciplinary audience is required.
9. All proposals submitted for the *Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity* program will be used solely to judge the submission for the purpose of receiving an Award. Selected proposals will become a part of the Booth Library Student Research and Creativity Collection.
10. All entries must be accompanied by an entry form.
11. All entries must be submitted in physical (written) and electronic form (Microsoft Word only). Electronic versions of the entry may be submitted via email attachment to library@eiu.edu.
12. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed.
13. Prizes are awarded for excellence and may or may not be given for a particular format category.

Jury

The *Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity* jury will consist of members of the Library Advisory Board, the library faculty, and other invited specialists.

Judging Criteria

The judges will select the award recipient(s) based on the following criteria:

1. Excellence
2. Creativity
3. Use of Library and/or research resources

Applicant Checklist

- Did you document the research resources used in your entry by completing the Use of Library and/or Research Resource Narrative?
- Did you include your annotated bibliography?
- Have you completed and included the entry form?
- Did you meet the March 24, 2017, deadline?

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