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**Aftab**  
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## **First Annual Aftab Prize for Best Research/Creative Work for Iranian Diaspora Studies – Deadline Extended to January 30, 2019**

Prizes will be awarded at the March 2019 Iranian Diaspora Studies Conference at SF State University

The **Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies** at San Francisco State University, in collaboration with the **Aftab Committee** of Washington, D.C., is pleased to announce four annual prizes for research and creative work in Iranian Diaspora Studies. Two undergraduate (\$250) and two graduate prizes (\$750 each) will be awarded annually and the first awards will be announced at the International Conference of Iranian Diaspora Studies at San Francisco State University, March 28-30, 2019. All submissions must be by currently enrolled students (at the time of submission) and provide proof of student status.

**Best Graduate Prize for a Paper Focusing on Research that emphasizes Iranian Diaspora Studies in Fields of humanities and social science that emphasizes Iranian diaspora issues, communities, culture.**

Paper can be in any field of humanities and social science that focuses on Iranian diaspora issues, communities, culture. The author of the research paper must be a currently enrolled graduate student (MA or PhD) in a North American university. Paper must be submitted as a word document (no more than 25 pages, double-spaced).

**Best Graduate Prize for a Creative Project in Arts and Humanities utilizing creative writing, photography, visual arts, audio, etc.** The project's artist/writer must be a currently enrolled graduate student (MA, MFA, PHD) at a North American university. The submission for this must be in accessible format that can be viewed online (word doc, mp3, photographic collection, essay, and must be accompanied by a statement that outlines the vision of the project).

**Best Undergraduate Prize for a Paper Focusing on Iranian Diaspora Studies in Fields of humanities and social science that emphasizes Iranian diaspora issues, communities, culture.** The author of this essay must be a currently undergraduate student at North American university. Paper must be submitted as a word document (no more than 25 pages, doubled spaced).

**Best undergraduate prize for a creative project in arts and humanities utilizing creative writing, photography, visual arts, audio, etc.** The project's artist/writer must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student at a North American university. The submission for this prize must be in accessible format that can be viewed online (word doc, mp3, photographic collection, essay, and must be accompanied by a statement that outlines the vision of the project).

**All submissions should indicate in the subject header of the email "Aftab Prize Submission--Undergraduate/Graduate" (pls indicate which category) and should be emailed to Dr. Persis Karim (persiskarim@sfsu.edu) by no later than December 30, 2018.**

Submissions will be judged by a panel of judges including the director of the Aftab Committee, Shahrooz Shekaurabi, and the director of the Center for Iranian Diaspora Studies, Dr. Persis Karim, as well as a panel of three other judges determined annually. If your format is to be too large to send as an email, please share with us on a Dropbox account and alert us via email first.

**Submission Deadline Extended ~~December 30, 2018~~ January 30, 2019**

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