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Announcing the First Annual Aftab Prize for Best Research/Creative Work for Iranian Diaspora Studies

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. 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.

Deadline for Submission is December 30, 2018

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