

The Kate McNally Postgraduate Essay Prize

Call For Submissions



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The Australasian Children's Literature Association for Research (ACLAR) is pleased to announce a call for submissions for the second biennial ***Kate McNally Postgraduate Essay Prize***.

The prize, worth \$500, is awarded to the best essay by a postgraduate student in children's literature studies, as judged by a panel of ACLAR board members. It will be announced and awarded at the biennial ACLAR conference: *Shifting Landscapes: Diversity, Text and Young People*, which will be held at the Wagga Wagga campus of Charles Sturt University, July 13-15, 2016.

The Kate McNally Postgraduate Essay Award is in honour of Dr Kate McNally, a previous Vice-President of ACLAR and passionate scholar and teacher of children's literature. Kate inspired numerous students to undertake research at the masters and doctoral levels. As such, this award follows Kate's example by continuing to foster future scholars in the discipline of children's literature studies.

The prize will be awarded as follows:

- Entries should be between 3000-5000 words, written in English, and may focus on any area within the field of children's literature;
- Entrants must be enrolled in postgraduate studies at an Australian tertiary institution at the time of entry (including Masters and Doctoral students with thesis under submission);
- Entrants must be members of ACLAR at the time of submission;
- Submissions should be accompanied by a brief letter of nomination from the student's supervisor;
- Only one entry will be accepted per student;
- Supervisors can nominate multiple students;
- Submissions should be sent electronically in .doc or .docx formats;
- The winner will be notified electronically by Thursday 7th July, 2016, or as soon as practicable. Other entrants will also be notified;
- The winning entry may be published in *Papers: Explorations into Children's Literature*, subject to peer review and at the discretion of the

editors if it has not been previously published or accepted by another journal.

All entries will be submitted to the judging panel and judged 'blind', and should not include any details identifying the author. All entries should be accompanied by the cover sheet below, which will be removed by the prize administrator, prior to submission to the judging panel.

Entries should be emailed to tony.eaton@canberra.edu.au, with the subject heading 'ACLAR essay prize'

Entries are due no later than 5.00pm, **Friday July 1st, 2016**

2nd Biennial Kate McInally Postgraduate Essay Prize - Entry Form

Name: _____

University and Course: _____

Title of Essay: _____

Length: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email address: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____

Please check to certify that:

- I am a current postgraduate student at an Australian Tertiary Institution
- The attached essay is entirely my own work. All relevant sources and ideas have been clearly and appropriately referenced
- The attached essay has been fully de-identified, including clearing of the 'author' field in the 'document attributes' menu
- I have attached a brief letter of support from my primary supervisor
- I am a current member of ACLAR
- I am planning on attending the ACLAR conference, July 13-15, 2016, at CSU in Wagga Wagga (note: this is not a pre-requisite for entry into the award)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Office use only

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De-identification checked:

Assigned submission code:

To submission folder: