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BEST PAPER PRIZE In Middle East and Islamic Studies

UCR Undergraduate and graduate students

Deadline of submission: April 30, 2024

The first and second best undergraduate prizes will be awarded to papers (minimum **6 pages** in length, double spaced) written by UCR undergraduates with a **MAJOR** or **MINOR** in Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) **OR NON MAJORS** taking courses taught by MEIS faculty member.

The first and second best graduate paper prizes will be awarded to papers (minimum **8 pages** in length, double spaced) written by UCR graduate students of any discipline working with MEIS faculty members. The papers demonstrate a critical analysis of the Middle East and the Islamic world across disciplines and time periods.

The MEIS faculty members are to nominate their students for the competition or students may submit their papers to the director of MEIS, Prof. Muhamad Ali at his email muhamad.ali@ucr.edu by **April 30th, 2024**. The paper may be written in Spring 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Winter 2024. The evaluating committee will make a decision by the end of May.

The prizes for undergraduates and graduate students will be a cash award and a letter of recognition. The student names and the titles of the papers of the winners will be posted on the MEIS website.

For more information, please visit our website <https://middleeastandislamicstudies.ucr.edu/> and/or contact MEIS director, Professor Muhamad Ali, muhamad.ali@ucr.edu.