

International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology

Call for entries

IUHPST Essay Prize in History and Philosophy of Science

Submission deadline: 30 November 2016

The International Union of History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (IUHPST) invites submissions for the first IUHPST Essay Prize in History and Philosophy of Science. This prize competition, planned to continue on a biennial basis, seeks to encourage fresh methodological thinking on the history and philosophy of science as an integrated discipline.

Entries in the form of an essay of 5,000–10,000 words in English are invited, addressing this year's prize question: "What is the value of philosophy of science for history of science?" All entries should contain original work that has not previously been published. For entries written originally in another language, an English translation should be submitted with an indication of the translator.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria, in addition to general academic quality: a direct engagement with this year's prize question, an effective integration of historical and philosophical perspectives, and the potential to provide methodological guidance for other researchers in the field.

The author of the winning entry will be invited to present the work at the 25th International Congress of History of Science and Technology in Rio de Janeiro (23-29 July 2017), and presenting at the Congress will be a condition of the award. (The presentation of the winning work will be considered a "non-paper-session activity," and will not interfere with the possibility of the winner also giving a standard paper at the Congress.)

The award will carry a cash prize of 1,000 U.S. dollars and, in addition, the cost of hotel accommodation for attending the Congress, though the Congress registration fee will not be waived.

Other strong entries will also be considered for presentation at the Congress. In order to ensure this consideration, entrants should submit the entry also as an individual paper proposal for the Congress by the deadline of 30 November 2016, following the standard instructions: http://www.ichst2017.sbhc.org.br/conteudo/view?ID CONTEUDO=259

Entries for this essay prize are invited from anyone, without restriction of age, nationality or academic status. Co-authored work will be considered, but if the winning entry is a co-authored work the cash prize and accommodation subsidy would need to be shared out among the authors.

This prize is administered by the Joint Commission, whose remit is to make links between the work of the two Divisions of the IUHPST: the DHST (Division of History of Science and Technology) and the DLMPST (Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology). For further information about IUHPST, see http://iuhps.net.

Entries for the prize competition should be submitted in pdf format by email to the Chair of the Joint Commission, Prof. Hasok Chang, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge hcs.372@cam.ac.uk. Any queries should also be directed to him. The deadline for submission is 30 November 2016.