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Chinese Studies Research Brief Prize

The Chinese Studies Research Brief Prize supports and promotes China-related academic research across all disciplines by Research Higher Degree (RHD) students at the University of Melbourne.

The Prizes are awarded annually to the student authors of the best Research Briefs submitted to the competition, jointly hosted by the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies (CCCS) and the Chinese Studies Research Group (CSRG).

Competition entry guidelines

- The student authors must be currently enrolled in a research higher degree (Masters by Research, or PhD, or Professional Doctorate) at the University of Melbourne and be a current member of the CSRG (the CSRG membership is free, to register please contact the CSRG committee at: csrg.uom@gmail.com).
- The entry's submission must include a title page with author's details (download Title Page template from [here](#)), including
 - Name and University of Melbourne student number
 - Course name and the school/faculty affiliation
 - Supervisors' name and university affiliation
 - Research project title
- Research briefs must be single authored, with a maximum word length of 1,000 words (excluding tables, figures & graphs, footnotes, and references).
- The paper should normally contain the following sections:
 - Background to the research
 - Research aims and objectives
 - Research design and methods
 - Preliminary/anticipated findings and/or contributions
 - Presentation of evidence such as tables, figures and graphs, where appropriate, is highly encouraged.
- All submission should be emailed to the CCCS prize convenor, Dr Lei Yu at: China-centre@unimelb.edu.au by the announced due date, using the *subject title*: Chinese Studies Research Brief Prize.
- Submissions will not be accepted until the Call for Prize Entries is announced for the year.

Award details

- There are six (6) prizes that may be awarded each year – one top prize, two runners up and three third-place winners. The winners will be invited to attend the CCCS Annual General Meeting and receive a monetary prize and an award certificate.
- All papers submitted have an opportunity to be published on the CCCS website after undergoing revision and editing where necessary.

Judging process

- The decision will be made by a judging panel Chaired by an academic staff member of the CCCS. The panel will consist of at least three judges (including the Chair), with at least one member of the CSRG committee. Past winners will be encouraged to participate in the judging process for future prizes.
- The judging criteria include elements for originality, clarity and quality of writing and presentation, and research impact.
- Members of judging panel should openly declare any actual, perceived, or potential conflicts of interest at the time that they are informed about who has applied for the Prize. If the Chair has a significant conflict of interest, he/she must relinquish his/her position as Chair to one of the other panellists.

Any other queries can be sent to the prize convenor, Dr Lei Yu at: china-centre@unimelb.edu.au.