

Nazir Afzal Essay Competition 2020

Harmful Traditional Practices

Guidelines, eligibility, and terms & conditions.

The competition is open to all persons **over the age of 18** with an interest in the topic. We encourage submissions from students and academics, health and social work, the police and other front-line professionals, legal, NGOs, survivors and activists internationally.

The deadline for the competition is **midnight on Monday 27 April 2020**.

Entries must address the topic of this year's competition question and not exceed 1,500 words (including footnotes). Reference list, if applicable, is excluded from the word count.

All entries must be typed in English (UK).

Provide a cover page giving:

1. **Your full name**
2. **Postal address, email and preferred contact number**
3. **The word count for your entry (which must include footnotes)**
4. **Your Twitter account handle (if applicable).**
5. **Where you heard about this essay competition**

Do not put your name in the text of the entry or number the pages.

Make sure that your final copy can easily be opened as a Word document and does not have any access restrictions.

The essay will be judged on its potential to challenge the status quo, cogency of argument, originality and independence of thought, clarity of expression and overall ability to convey enthusiasm for the topic. Please remember that this is an international academic writing competition and the judges will expect to read arguments based on research evidence or qualified professional or personal experience/opinion.

Please send your essay to: HARMnetwork@uclan.ac.uk with 'Essay Competition' in the subject box.

Nazir Afzal Essay Competition 2020 –Terms and Conditions

1. For the avoidance of any doubt, the promoter of the 'Nazir Afzal Essay Competition 2020' ("the Competition") is the University of Central Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE ("UCLan").
2. The Competition is open to anyone over the age of eighteen (18).
3. Parties directly connected to the running of the Competition (including UCLan staff) are prohibited from entering the Competition.
4. In order to enter the Competition entrants must write an essay on the topic of this year's Competition question. The essay must not exceed 1,500 words (including footnotes). All entries

must be typed in English (UK). The reference list (if applicable) will be excluded from the word count. Please ensure that your name is not included in the main body. Please make sure that your essay can be easily opened in a Word document and there are no restrictions. Please send your essay to: HARMnetwork@uclan.ac.uk with 'Essay Competition' in the subject box.

5. No purchase is required in order to enter the Competition.
6. Entrants into the Competition shall be deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions upon entry.
7. Only one entry per person. Entries on behalf of another person or joint submissions will not be accepted.
8. We accept no responsibility for any entries that are lost, delayed, misdirected, incomplete or cannot be delivered for any technical reason or any other reasons.
9. The competition opens on 13th January 2020 at 12.00am BST and closes on 27th April 2020 at 12.00am BST. Any entries received outside of this period will not be accepted.
10. UCLan reserves the right to ask the winner for proof of age.
11. Competition entries will be judged by a panel of four members from our Select Committee based on its potential to challenge the status quo, cogency of argument, originality and independence of thought, clarity of expression and overall ability to convey enthusiasm for the topic.
12. Three entries will be shortlisted by the Select Committee and the winner will be chosen by Nazir Afzal OBE.
13. In the event that there are no entries of sufficient merit, we reserve the right to discontinue the Competition with immediate effect.
14. The decision of the judging panel (acting reasonably) shall be final and no negotiation or correspondence shall be entered into regarding the judging panel's decision.
15. UCLan will send the full names of the judges to any person who writes within 30 days of the closing date of the Competition requesting details of the judges and who encloses a self-addressed envelope to Dr. Roxanne Khan - HARM Director, School of Psychology, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, Lancashire, UK, PR1 2HE.
16. The winner will be chosen in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. The winner will receive the following:
 - A cheque/bank transfer of £500 (five hundred pounds)
17. UCLan reserves the right to disqualify you if your conduct is contrary to the spirit of the Competition or if you are found to be in breach of these Terms and Conditions.
18. The winner will be announced at the #HARM2020 Conference on 4th June 2020. If the winner does not respond within 28 days of being notified of their win, then the winner's prize shall be forfeited and we shall be entitled to select a new winner in accordance with the process set out above (such new winner shall also be subject to the obligations set out in this condition).
19. If the winner rejects their prize or their entry is found to be in breach of these Terms and Conditions, their prize shall be forfeited and we shall be entitled to select a new winner.

20. We accept no responsibility for any costs associated with the prizes that are not specifically and expressly included in the prize.
21. Once the prize winner has been notified of their win, they must contact UCLan on their preference as to how the prize should be paid and all relevant details so that the prize can be paid to them. The prize will be paid to the winner by cheque or bank transfer within 31 days following notification to UCLan.
22. The prizes are non-exchangeable, non-transferrable and a cash alternative is not available.
23. We reserve the right to substitute a prize with another prize of similar value if the original prize becomes unavailable for any reason.
24. We may contact the winner by email about participating in publicity related to the Competition. This may involve the publication of their name and photograph on the UCLan website and in any other media selected by UCLan.
25. The winner of the Competition will be published on the UCLan website after 4th June 2020.
26. We will process any personal information you submit to us in compliance with data protection legislation. Any personal data you provide will be used for the purposes of administering the Competition, publishing entries, notifying you if you win and for any publicity purposes involving the Competition winner as set out in these Terms and Conditions. This may involve publishing information on the University website or on social media which means it will be available to the public, worldwide. We may also need to share some personal data with third parties to arrange the prize. We will use your information to contact you if you win. We will not use your contact details for marketing purposes and will not sell your details to third parties for marketing purposes. For further information about how the University uses personal data, please see the student privacy notice on our website at www.uclan.ac.uk/privacynotices.
27. To the maximum extent permitted by law, we accept no responsibility for any damage, loss, liability, injury or disappointment incurred or suffered by you as a result of entering the Competition or accepting the prize, except where it is caused by our negligence. We further disclaim our liability, to the maximum extent permitted by law, for any injury or damage caused to your or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participating in the Competition. Your statutory rights are not affected.
28. Nothing in these terms and conditions shall exclude our liability for death, personal injury, fraud or any other liability we cannot exclude by law.
29. The Competition is in no way endorsed, sponsored, administered by or otherwise associated with anyone outside of UCLan.
30. UCLan does not claim any rights of ownership in your Competition entry.
31. By entering the Competition you agree that UCLan may make your Competition entry available on its website <https://www.uclan.ac.uk/> and in any other media selected by UCLan from time to time in connection with any publicity relating to the Competition. UCLan may also invite the winner to collaborate in preparing a manuscript for publication. You agree to grant UCLan an irrevocable, worldwide, royalty free licence to use any and all intellectual property rights in your Competition entry for the purposes of the Competition, any publicity relating to the Competition and for any other purpose that UCLan may see fit from time to time.

32. We reserve the right from time to time to modify or discontinue the Competition with or without prior notice where in our reasonable opinion it becomes reasonably necessary. Our decisions on all matters under our control are final and binding and no correspondence or negotiation will be entered into regarding a decision of ours.
33. We shall not be liable for any failure to comply with our obligations where that failure is caused by something outside our reasonable control, with the exception of the failure of our suppliers in providing the prize.
34. The Competition shall be governed by English law and the entrants to the Competition submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

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