

CSLS Graduate Student Paper Prize

Nominations are due by May 2, 2022

The Center for the Study of Law and Society at UC Berkeley is pleased to announce our inaugural Graduate Student Paper Prize. Beginning in 2022, the CSLS Graduate Student Paper Prize will be awarded annually to a current Berkeley graduate student whose nominated paper, written while a graduate student at Berkeley within 18 months prior to the nomination deadline, best represents outstanding law and society research, as described [here](#). Competitive papers also will speak to one or more of the Center's areas of scholarly focus: criminal justice, democracy and civil society, and/or inequality. The award carries a prize of \$1,000; students must meet registration requirements to receive the cash prize.

Papers nominated for the prize must be (1) not yet accepted for publication at the time of nomination; (2) include an empirical component, broadly defined (e.g., ethnography, qualitative interviews, historical or archival research, survey data etc.); and (3) be no longer than 25,000 words, including references, in a minimum of 12 point font (papers that exceed this limit will not be considered). Submissions must be in English. Self-nominations are welcome, or papers may be nominated by a CSLS affiliated faculty member. Nominations by CSLS affiliated faculty members should include a brief letter of support. Nominators submitting the paper for award consideration must include the date and title of the course (or similar academic context) at Berkeley for which the paper was written.

A paper will only be considered once for the prize. Only one paper per author, whether sole author or coauthor, will be considered per award cycle. Coauthored work is eligible if both authors are registered Berkeley graduate students and there are no more than two coauthors. (Papers with more than two authors are not eligible.) Coauthors will split the cash prize if their paper is selected. Work coauthored with faculty members or with scholars outside UC Berkeley is not eligible.

Nominations must be submitted via this [Google form](#) on or before Monday, May 2, 2022. **Nominations received after May 2, 2022 will not be considered.**

Questions about the CSLS graduate student paper prize should be submitted via [email](#) with the subject line: Question about CSLS graduate student paper prize.