

Library Research Prize

The Helena College Library Research Prize was created to reward students who take the time to develop a thoughtful, methodical, and scholarly approach to the research needed for their papers and projects, and to encourage students to develop the information literacy skills needed for lifelong research.

This prize is meant to recognize overall student achievement in all steps of the research process.

A first prize and second prize will be awarded each spring and fall semester for the previous semester's work. Summer submissions will be included with fall and awarded in spring.

First prize will be a \$75 gift card from the Helena College Bookstore and second prize will be a \$50 gift card.

Winners will be notified the first week of the following spring or fall semester and the Library Research Party will be held the second week of the semester. Winners will be honored guests at this event and prizes will be awarded at this time.

Requirements and Guidelines

- It is expected that primarily library print collection or electronic databases will be used and that all cited sources will be credible.
- The competition is limited to enrolled Helena College students.
- Submissions may include class papers, videos, speeches, web pages or other projects with a research component.
- Entries must have been created for a Helena College class, must include a copy of the assignment, and must have received an "A" grade.
- A citation page (works cited, references, or bibliography) of all sources used must be included with all submissions.
- All submission forms must be made from the student's Helena College email address according to the submission process below.
- Only one project per semester can be considered. If you have already submitted, but would like to change your submission, contact library@umhelena.edu before the deadline.
- Only one prize will be given per paper or project.
- Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. (See deadlines below)
- Winning submissions may be posted on the Library's website, social media pages, or other promotional materials.

Selection Committee

Helena College librarians will judge the submissions and guest librarians from University of Montana affiliate institutions will be invited to participate.

Submission process

- Complete the Library Prize Submission Form.
- The submission form and the completed research assignment must be submitted as an email attachment in .doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf or .ppt format. No other formats will be considered.
- To submit projects or other supplemental material required by your instructor for the assignment, contact the library at library@umhelena.edu .
- All submissions must include a formatted citation page in the body of the submitted paper or project.
- Submissions that do not meet the deadline and requirements will not be considered.
- The deadlines for submission are:
 - Tuesday, December 23, 2014 for fall semester 2014 – prizes awarded spring semester 2015
 - Monday, May 15, 2015 for spring semester 2015 – prizes awarded fall semester 2015
 - Tuesday, August 18, 2015 for summer semester 2015 – prizes awarded spring semester 2016
 - Tuesday, December 22, 2015 for fall semester 2015 – prizes awarded spring semester 2016