



NOTICE OF 2019/2020 TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL AWARDS COMPETITION
(three semesters: Spring/Summer, Fall, 2019, Winter, 2020)

**LAW FOUNDATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR LEGAL
RESEARCH AWARDS FOR STUDENTS OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**

The Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador annually offers up to seven Legal Research Awards valued at \$750. (seven hundred and fifty dollars) each to students at Memorial University. The Awards are for outstanding research papers on one or more legal issues, or topics treated in a legal context, in a 2000 level course or beyond in any discipline at the undergraduate level and in any graduate course for students at the graduate level. A first year course is not eligible, with the sole exception of *LWSO 1000: Law, Democracy and Social Justice*. Preference will be given for one of the seven awards to an undergraduate student in their first year of studies, who is currently enrolled in, or has completed, the first year introductory course *LWSO 1000* at the time their paper in this course is submitted for consideration. The papers submitted by and with endorsement of course professor or lecturer will be judged initially by the Dean, Director, or Department Head who will make a recommendation to a special selection committee comprised of appointees of Memorial University and the Law Foundation. Undergraduate students will receive a minimum of 2 (two) and graduate students will receive 1 (one) or more of the 7 (seven) Awards available annually. In the case of undergraduate students the Awards will be made by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards. In the case of graduate students the Awards will be made by the Dean, School of Graduate Studies. In both cases they will act upon the recommendation of the Foundation's selection committee. An additional \$750. (seven hundred and fifty dollars) will be provided annually by the Law Foundation to Queen Elizabeth II Library for the purchase of research materials and resources. Total Awards \$6,000.

All papers submitted must observe a standard academic format in respect of accurately referenced page numbers and full publication information when citing sources for data and/or relevant scholarly comment. Consistent use of a recognised style sheet such as the Modern Language Association of America (MLA) Style Sheet or the Chicago Manual of Style is strongly recommended.

Please reference the Memorial University website's libraries page for guides to using recognised style sheets.

DEADLINE DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

SUBMITTAL PROCESS:

The paper shall be submitted by, and with endorsement of, course professor or lecturer to the Dean, Director or Department Head in sufficient time to allow for the paper to be judged initially by the Dean, Director, or Department Head who will make a recommendation to the Selection Committee for the Awards on or before the Deadline Date.

The Dean, Director or Department Head is not restricted in the number of term papers he/she recommends to the Selection Committee for the Awards from his/her Department.

ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE, THE DEAN, DIRECTOR OR DEPARTMENT HEAD SHALL SUBMIT THE RECOMMENDED PAPER (ONE ORIGINAL QUALITY PAPER COPY AND THREE PAPER PHOTOCOPIES – PHOTOCOPIES MADE BY DEPARTMENT) TO THE

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS OFFICE
ROOM 1002
ARTS AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY,**

FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE AWARDS.

STUDENT IS ASKED TO MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF PAPER TO ASSIST PUBLICATION IN A FORMAT CONDUCIVE TO BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH II LIBRARY AND VARIOUS LAW LIBRARIES, INCLUDING ON THE LAW FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE, IF PAPER SELECTED FOR AN AWARD.

AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE, THE LAW FOUNDATION WILL CONTACT EACH STUDENT BY E-MAIL, AT THE E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED TO THE FOUNDATION BY THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS OFFICE, AND REQUEST THAT THE STUDENT PROVIDE THE LAW FOUNDATION WITH AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE PAPER BY E-MAIL ATTACHMENT, AS A MICROSOFT WORD DOCUMENT (OR OTHER COMPATIBLE PROGRAM, OTHER THAN A .PDF FILE). See *Publication*, p. 7

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The following Terms and Conditions specify the basic information on requirements and eligibility, and accompany the Notice of 2019/2020 Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Research Awards Competition for Students of Memorial University:

The Legal Research Awards are for outstanding research papers by students on one or more legal issues, or topics treated in a legal context, in a senior level course in any discipline at the undergraduate level and in any graduate course at the graduate level, in any one of the three semesters commencing May, September, 2019 and January, 2020. The selection and announcement of the recipients of the up to seven Awards will be made one time each year, in June/July, 2020. In the case of undergraduates the Awards will be made by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards. In the case of graduates the Awards will be made by the Dean, School of Graduate Studies. In both cases they will act upon the recommendation of the Foundation's selection committee. The Awards, for individual or joint (see page 4) submissions, will appear on the students' official University transcripts.

The transcript will not differentiate whether the Award is for an individual or joint submission. A high standard of legal research, analysis and development of the one or more legal issues covered will have been required from each student, whether done as an individual or through a joint effort.

The \$750. Award for a joint submission shall be shared equally between the successful, eligible students.

It is the intention of the Foundation that the student's legal research not to be undertaken separate and apart from meeting the requirements of the course. The course professor or lecturer is asked, in a course where he/she deems it appropriate, to make students aware that through choosing or otherwise being required to research one or more legal issues, or topics treated in a legal context, as opposed to only researching distinctly non-legal issues, in a term paper, the paper may be eligible for submission to this competition.

The one or more legal issues, or topics treated in a legal context, do not have to be the main focus of the term paper, but, if not, the legal research must be of significant importance to be worthy of an Award.

The term paper must acknowledge all direct quotations and, in a Bibliography, disclose all sources.

All papers submitted must observe a standard academic format in respect of accurately referenced page numbers and full publication information when citing sources for data and/or relevant scholarly comment. Consistent use of a recognized style sheet such as the Modern Language Association of America (MLA) Style Sheet or the Chicago Manual of Style is strongly recommended.

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More than one term paper by the same student in two or more courses may be submitted by and with endorsement of course professors or lecturers throughout the three semesters in that year's annual competition.

One student may be awarded two or more Awards in the same year's competition or different years' competitions, and the Award will be for legal research in "NAME OF COURSE".

A term paper completed in any prior competition year which was not submitted cannot now be submitted, except under circumstances found acceptable by the selection committee.

A term paper reviewed and found unsuccessful by the selection committee in one year's competition cannot be resubmitted in another year's competition, except under circumstances found acceptable by the selection committee.

The faculties, professors or lecturers, and names of students are not anonymous on the term papers when reviewed by the selection committee, whose members will exercise impartial judgment.

Joint Awards were established, commencing with the 1998/1999 Competition. The Selection Committee can recommend to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards and the Dean, School of Graduate Studies the awarding of up to two of the seven awards for joint submissions.

In the event one or both of the joint awards are not awarded in a competition year, by reason of non-meritorious or no joint submissions, one or both joint awards may be awarded for individual submissions.

While there may be up to seven awards for individual submissions in any one competition year, there shall not be more than two awards for joint papers in any one competition year.

Joint awards recognize two or more eligible students having equally participated (confirmed in writing by the students) in the legal research, analysis and development of the one or more legal issues covered in the term paper.

This equal participation shall be confirmed by a written statement to that effect signed by the students, which shall accompany the paper when submitted by Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

A student whose name appears on the joint paper who has not equally participated in the legal research, analysis and development shall submit an accompanying written statement to that effect and, further, that he/she is aware and accepts that the other named students whose signatures appear have jointly submitted the paper with his/her agreement. This will be applicable, for example, where law is not the main focus of the paper and a

student, who is not able to receive the award, has researched scientific material with two or more other students, who have additionally researched, analyzed and developed one or more legal issues pertaining to that scientific research.

The Dean, Director or Department Head is not restricted in the number of term papers he/she recommends to the selection committee for the Awards from his/her Department.

Student eligibility:

Graduate students enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies at Memorial University are eligible.

Graduate students on leave of absence are ineligible.

All undergraduate students enrolled in second year 2000 level or beyond undergraduate courses are eligible for Awards in those qualifying courses, second year 2000 level or beyond, at the undergraduate level.

A first year course is not eligible, with the sole exception of *LWSO 1000: Law, Democracy and Social Justice*. Preference will be given for one of the seven awards to an undergraduate student in their first year of studies for the academic year 2019/2020, who is currently enrolled in, or has completed, the first year introductory course *LWSO 1000* when their paper in this course is submitted for consideration.

The Law and Society Programme announced the offering of a new first year course, *LWSO 1000: Law, Democracy and Social Justice* commencing in Fall 2012.

In recognition of this new first year course, the Law Foundation Legal Research Awards Selection Committee made *LWSO 1000* an eligible course to receive 1 (one) of the Awards, beginning with the 2013/2014 Competition.

The Law and Society Programme was instituted in 1996-1997 at Memorial University, the same year the Law Foundation Legal Research Awards were established.

Upper year, third year and beyond, students enrolled in any second year 2000 level course and beyond are eligible.

The undergraduate student must be registered as a student of Memorial University and be doing the undergraduate course for credit towards receiving a degree from Memorial University. Non-program courses are not eligible.

The graduate student must be doing the graduate course for credit towards receiving a degree from the School of Graduate Studies at Memorial University. Non-program courses are not eligible.

A student is eligible, regardless of nationality or place of legal residence.

Mature students, as defined by Memorial University, are eligible.

Definition of undergraduate student: A student who has graduated with a degree who is doing an undergraduate course is considered by Memorial University to be an undergraduate, as is a student who has not graduated with a degree.

Undergraduate course eligibility: A first year course is not eligible, with the sole exception of *LWSO 1000: Law, Democracy and Social Justice*. A senior level course, second year level or beyond, in any discipline at the undergraduate level is eligible. See above reference to student eligibility for clarification.

The student must be doing the undergraduate course for credit towards receiving a degree from Memorial University. Non-program courses are not eligible.

Definition, for this competition, of graduate student: A graduate student is one who has been admitted to a graduate degree.

Graduate course eligibility: A graduate course for students at the graduate level is eligible.

The student must be doing the graduate course for credit towards receiving a degree from the School of Graduate Studies at Memorial University. Non-program courses are not eligible.

A thesis paper is not eligible. A thesis paper shall not compete with a research paper ('course paper') - referred to as a 'course paper' solely in the context of addressing this issue of a thesis - written by a student to meet the requirements of the graduate course.

A 'course paper' is not made ineligible should the contents of the 'course paper' form part of the student's thesis.

Requirements for both undergraduate and graduate courses:

The course must be presented by a course professor or lecturer in a structured format with the student in attendance.

Long distance, correspondence, and/or audio-visual instructed courses, where student is not in attendance with professor or lecturer, are eligible, provided the professor or lecturer gives instruction and supervision of research for the term paper through communication methods, ie. e-mail, sufficient for paper to be deemed of equal competitive quality. Such a student must also be registered as a student of and working towards, through this course, a degree from Memorial University. Non-program courses are not eligible.

Queen Elizabeth II Library: The \$750. payment to Queen Elizabeth II Library will be made annually, provided at least one Award has been provided to a student in that competition year.

The selection committee will select and authorize the books to be purchased by Queen Elizabeth II Library. It is intended that the books purchased will be of a broad, academic nature. Law reports and similar series are excluded.

Publication: The Law Foundation may publish photo and Awards presentation Press Release in its Annual Report and newspapers. The Foundation reserves the right to edit and publish all or any of the term papers, whether selected for Awards or not, in a format conducive to being made available to Queen Elizabeth II Library and various Law Libraries, including on the Law Foundation's website. **STUDENT IS ASKED TO MAINTAIN AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF PAPER TO ASSIST PUBLICATION IF PAPER SELECTED FOR AN AWARD.**

After the Deadline date, May 19, 2020, the Scholarships and Awards Office will provide the Law Foundation with one original quality paper copy and three paper photocopies of the papers – photocopies made by Department - which have been submitted for consideration to the Selection Committee by the Dean, Director or Department Head with the endorsement of the respective course professors.

In order to have on file an electronic copy of all submissions when the Selection Committee meets, to facilitate publication if the paper is selected to receive an Award, the Law Foundation will, after the Deadline date, contact each student by e-mail, at the e-mail address provided to the Foundation by the Scholarships and Awards Office, and request that the student provide the Law Foundation with an electronic copy of the paper by e-mail attachment, as a Microsoft Word document (or other compatible program, other than a .pdf file).

The Legal Research Awards are a program of the Law Foundation, in conjunction with Memorial University.

Law Foundation: The Law Foundation, established in February, 1980, provides grants to advance public understanding of the law and access to legal services. Its objects for funding are legal education, legal research, law reform, legal aid, legal referral service, law libraries and law scholarships.