

BEST STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Deadline of submission: April 22nd, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

Two categories:

Undergraduate student paper prize

Graduate student paper prize

The best undergraduate student prize will be awarded to two papers (minimum **6 pages** in length) written by UCR undergraduates with a major or minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) **OR NON MAJORS taking MEIS courses at UCR** that demonstrate a critical reading and understanding of the Middle East and the Islamic world across disciplines and time periods.

The best graduate student paper prize will be awarded to two papers (minimum 8 pages in length) written by UCR graduate students of any discipline that demonstrate a critical analysis of the Middle East and the Islamic world across disciplines and time periods.

The faculty teaching MEIS courses can nominate students for the competition or a student can directly submit his/her paper to the director of MEIS, Prof. Muhamad Ali at his email muhamad.ali@ucr.edu by **April 22nd, 2017, 5:00 p.m.** The paper may be written in Winter 2016, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Winter 2017, and Spring 2017. The evaluating committee will make a decision by the end of May.

The prizes for undergraduates and graduate students will be a cash award, a book and a letter of recognition by the director of MEIS. The names, pictures and the titles of the papers of the winners will be posted on the MEIS website.

For more information please visit our website www.meis.ucr.edu and/or contact MEIS director, Professor Muhamad Ali, muhamad.ali@ucr.edu.