

BU Global Programs announces the first India Essay Prize contest!

India Essay Prize

Prize: \$500 Award

Who: All BU Students

Deadline: April 28, 2013



As part of Boston University's *India Initiatives*, and to celebrate the inaugural BU-India Symposium on May 10, 2013, BU Global Programs announces the **India Essay Prize** contest for the best student essay submitted by a BU student on an Indian topic. We want to celebrate India through good writing, thus all topics relevant to India – cultural history, scientific achievement, philosophical ideas or other areas - may be submitted. The Essay Prize is for nonfiction prose and we welcome entries that inform, delight, teach and highlight an aspect of India in the form of personal or academic essays, research papers, commentary or biography. Any student enrolled at BU is eligible to enter - undergraduate or graduate, full-time or part-time.

Essays should be less than 1,500 words (3 to 5 pages) and be submitted online per the submission guidelines below. Entries will be judged by a panel of faculty, staff and/or professional writers.

- One winner will receive a \$500 award;
- The winner will be publicly announced on May 10, 2013 at the BU-India Symposium; and
- The winning submission will be featured on the BU Global Programs website.

Guidelines for Eligibility and Submission

1. The deadline for submission is midnight, Sunday, **April 28, 2013**.
2. Each entry will consist of two parts: 1) the Essay with the BU student ID# on the top left corner, and 2) a cover sheet with student information as shown below;
3. All BU students (undergraduate or graduate; part-time or full time) are eligible;
4. Entries may be nonfiction prose only, and be less than 1,500 words, in typed double-spaced Arial font; The student's name should not appear anywhere on the essay page itself - only the BU ID# be included on the top left corner of the essay page. Names should appear on the submission form only;
5. Students may submit multiple entries, and each entry must be submitted with a separate submission form;
6. Entries written for classes or as part of undergraduate theses are eligible (however, works that have been previously published are not eligible);
7. The winning essay will be featured on the BU Global Programs website and used for promotion in other media for BU Global Programs. The student will retain copyright;
8. Entries should be submitted at bu.edu/globalprograms/india/essay/.

The India Essay Prize contest description, eligibility and submission guidelines can be found on the BU-India Symposium Page and the BU Global Programs page at bu.edu/globalprograms. For further questions and information, please contact Deepti Nijhawan, Director, India initiatives, BU Global Programs at deeptin@bu.edu.

