

**The IJFS Postgraduate Essay Award**  
**"For engaging in Francophone Postcolonial Studies"**  
**Submission Deadline: 17 July 2009**

The *International Journal of Francophone Studies* is pleased to announce this year's IJFS Postgraduate Essay Award. This biennial competition invites postgraduate (MA, MPhil, DPhil or PhD) participants from schools or departments of languages and cultures based in the United Kingdom or Ireland to submit innovative ideas on any subject within the scope of Francophone postcolonial studies that IJFS promotes.

**The award will be as follows**

The student who provides the best essay as judged by a specialist panel will be awarded £200 + One-year free IJFS subscription + publication of the essay with necessary revisions; the second best will be awarded One-year free IJFS subscription + publication of the essay with necessary revisions; the third best will be awarded One-year free IJFS subscription + Commendation. All three will receive an IJFS certificate of the award. The amount of the first award may increase and participants may in the future be from outside the UK and Ireland.

**The prizes** will be either presented or sent to the winners before the end of 2009.

**The award is open** only to full or part-time students studying on taught MA, MA by research, MPhil and PhD programmes during the 2008/2009 academic year at a school or department of languages and cultures (or directly related subjects), at an institution of higher education.

**The judging panel** will be chosen for their outstanding intellectual achievements and their understanding of Francophone Postcolonial Studies.

**Information about how to enter the competition**

1. Candidates are requested to use the application form attached below
2. Essay applications are assessed on the basis of their originality and value to the current scholarly debates in Francophone postcolonial studies.
3. Candidates are invited to submit their original, unrevised essays in English or French that formed part of their study programme. The essay, whether coursework or draft of thesis section, must be accompanied by a headed letter from the advisor/supervisor or tutor confirming its date and status within the course or research programme and the candidate's current student status.
4. Three hard copies of the anonymised essay should be sent by the candidate's head of department together with the completed and signed application form, supervisor's or tutor's attestation letter and statement of plagiarism by registered mail to reach Dr Dawn Marley before or by 17 July 2009 to the following address: Department of Languages and Translation Studies, University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 7XH.
5. An electronic version (as a Word for Windows attachment) of the essay must also be sent before or by 17 July 2009 to Dr Dawn Marley D.Marley@surrey.ac.uk (failure to send both hard and electronic versions of the essay will result in the candidate's disqualification).
6. The length of the essay must be between 3000 and 6000 words, with the word count printed on the first page. Essays that have already been published (in any form) will not be accepted. This year departments should not send more than two selected essays.

IJFS regrets that it cannot enter into correspondence with candidates regarding the award prior to or after the announcement of the results. By signing the application the applicant adheres to that condition. The names of the winners will be announced in the journal's fourth edition of 2009 or first edition of 2010.

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**Application Form**

**Name of candidate:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Full institutional address:**

**Email address:**

**Telephone number:**

**Fax number:**

**Email address of institution:**

**Name of supervisor/advisor:**

**Full institutional address:**

**Email address:**

**Telephone number:**

**Fax number:**

**Title of submitted essay:**

**Length of essay (word count) excluding footnotes/endnotes and bibliography:**

**Full title and year(s) of Degree for which the essay was submitted as part of the evaluation (Please note that applications from candidates preparing a degree from a department outside what is known as "Languages and/or Cultures" may not be considered):**

**Expected date of degree completion:**

**Name, title, address and email of an academic referee based outside of your institution:**

**Please give a brief abstract in English or in French of no more than 100-150 words.**

**Date:**

**Signature:**

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**Statement of Academic Integrity**

**Every reference to sources, critics and other authors, whether by directly quoting or indirectly paraphrasing, must be acknowledged explicitly in the course of the essay in the text or in the notes. It is not sufficient to paraphrase a critic and then list their work in a bibliography of text consulted.**

**I declare that I submitted for competition as part of my application for the IJFS Postgraduate Award (2009) the essay with the following title:**

**I declare that the ideas, statements and text of this essay are entirely my own work and do not contain any unacknowledged work from any other source.**

**I declare that I have received no help from anyone to correct or improve the expression of this essay and that it is entirely my own work.**

**Name:**

**Date of birth:**

**Personal address:**

**Institutional address:**

**Programme of study:**

**Name, address and email of a person who knows your academic work:**

**Date:**

**Signature:**