



Nova Scotian Institute of Science

Student Science Writing Awards 2009

The Nova Scotian Institute of Science (NSIS) 2009 Science Writing Awards are to encourage students to learn the art of good writing. Prizes will be awarded for the best written work by undergraduate and graduate students. The work of these first prize winners can be considered for publication in the peer-reviewed *Proceedings of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science*. The competition is open to students currently enrolled in a degree program at a Nova Scotian University.

Prizes will be Awarded in Three Categories

Undergraduate: A single prize of \$250 will be awarded for the best article written by an undergraduate science student, generally in one of the following categories.

- A concise discussion of original research
- A review of current literature in a scientific field that provides a new analysis or perspective
- An article directed to a non-specialist audience on some aspect of science and its impact on society

Graduate Prize: A single prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best article written by a student in a Masters or Doctoral program.

Science Writing: A single prize of \$250 will be awarded for the best article written about the practice of science, or how it impacts upon society. This category is intended for, but not limited to, students enrolled in degree programs such as science, arts, social studies or journalism.

The NSIS may, in certain circumstances, also award second prizes or honorable mention in a given category.

Submissions Articles should not exceed 5 - 6 pages (including tables and figures; 3200-3900 words) in the format of the *Proceedings of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science*.

More detailed guidelines for authors will be sent to all who express their intention to make a submission

Deadlines Notification of intent to submit: e-mail by **1700 h, Friday, 28 November 2008**

Submission of article: hard and electronic copies by **1700 h, Friday, 20 February 2009**

Notification of intent and written submissions should be sent to:

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Award Presentation Notification of awards will be made (e-mail) by 20 March, 2009. Awards will be presented publicly at the 6 April, 2009 meeting of the Institute.

Publication Articles receiving a First Prize Award may, if the author wishes, be published in the Award Winning Articles of the NSIS web site and in the *Proceedings of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science*. Publication in the *Proceedings* requires regular reviewing and editorial processing. Publishing costs will be paid by the Institute.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE NSIS WEB SITE:

<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Science/NSIS/index.html>