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Brashear Research Prize in Economics

The Department of Economics awards the Brashear Research Prize in Economics to promote undergraduate economics research. The Brashear Research Prize is an undergraduate student award honoring the late Professor John Brashear, who served in the Department of Economics at ASU from 1967 to 1980.

Awards

(1) Paper Prize: We invite all undergraduate students to submit research papers in economics to be considered for the Brashear Prize. While students in the Senior Seminar course in Economics (ECO 4810) are highly encouraged to submit their papers, the committee will consider economic research paper submissions from all students. Instructors and advisors are encouraged to nominate deserving papers for the prize. A committee will select a winner from submitted papers. **The author of the paper judged to be of the highest quality will receive a prize up to \$500.**

(2) Non-Paper Prize: We also invite submissions of broadly defined student research, such as research posters, presentations, reports, etc. A priority will be given to faculty-nominated submissions. A committee will select a winner from non-paper submissions. **The author of the project judged to be of the highest quality will receive a prize up to \$200.**

General Guidelines

A reading committee consisting of three faculty members from the Department of Economics will evaluate all submissions and judge each individually. The guidelines of the Brashear Prize are:

1. **The deadline for submission is Friday April 24, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** Students submitting to the competition are encouraged to attend the award lunch at 12:30-2:00 PM on Thursday April 30th, 2026 (Reading Day) in Peacock Hall (room 3015). The winners will be announced during the award lunch.
2. Papers will be evaluated based on content, usage of economic concepts and methodology, and the overall quality of the writing. Participants should submit carefully proofread papers and are encouraged to seek assistance at the [University Writing Center](#).
3. Submissions should be made via email to Jeanne Lawrence at lawrencji@appstate.edu with “Brashear Prize Submission” in the subject line.