

ESSAY COMPETITION 2017

Juxtaposition Global Health Magazine is pleased to invite you to participate in its 2017 Essay Competition! This year's question is:

What Global Health issue should receive more attention? Why?

Tell us about global and/or public health issue that has been neglected. Why does it require more attention? What contributed to its lack of attention in the first place? And if you are keen to probe further, explain what can be done to improve the conditions that contribute to the persistence of such a global health problem.

Three entries will be selected for publication as top three winners of the competition. The top entry will be considered for this year's print publication as well.

Submission Guidelines:

Essays must be **1,000 to 1,500 words** in length.

Submissions must be the original work of the student.

Juxtaposition encourages a *multi- and interdisciplinary approach* to global health issues. Individuals from all academic backgrounds are encouraged to adopt various perspectives to address the question. For example, you may want to write about a particular problem using a health geography or critical development perspective. We prefer analysis that is rigorous, comprehensive and not one-sided, as health issues are nuanced and complex.

The format of the essay must be *journalistic*. Given that students write about a variety of health-related issues in their respective classes, you are welcome to adapt your research and/or paper from class for this essay competition. However, we require that submissions be easily accessible, avoid too much academic jargon, and maintain a journalistic tone and format. Citation format is up to you, although please note that Juxtaposition's published articles tend to have hyperlinked sources. Of course, it goes without saying, sourcing your claims is essential given the importance of evidence-based journalism.

Entries should be submitted to juxtaposition.utoronto@gmail.com in MS Word format.

Deadline for submissions is March 5th, 2017. Late submissions will not be accepted.

ESSAY COMPETITION FAQ

More questions? We have answers!

Who is eligible to participate in Juxtaposition's Essay Competition?

The competition is open to students from all disciplines, ranging from microbiology to political science. Students from all schools and programs are also eligible. This includes students within and beyond the University of Toronto. The competition is not limited to undergraduates; graduate and professional school students are welcome to participate.

What are the parameters of a "global health issue"? What exactly does that mean?

Given that "global health" is a relatively new field and therefore contains several overlaps with other disciplines, we are flexible with the scope of the topic. Global health has been subjected to several critiques and varying opinions on its definitions. While defining "global health" could be an essay on its own, we encourage you to do some preliminary research to familiarize yourself with the field if it is new to you. Overall, however, we are open to any and all topics as long as you relate it to health. Juxtaposition often focuses on marginalized and vulnerable populations, and so we encourage the use of social/critical theory and analysis to address this aspect of health.

Should the essay have a particular structure?

Yes, it must be in essay form, although subheadings are allowed. The specific structure that you use to answer the question is up to you. Feel free to take some creative liberties to produce a compelling case for your topic!

How many submissions are allowed per student?

Only one submission per student.