2020 PIF Essay Competition for prevocational doctors

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility
1. To be eligible for this essay competition, entrant must be:
   a. a current Psychiatry Interest Forum (PIF) member in Australia or New Zealand (or have an eligible PIF application pending); and
   b. in a medical postgraduate year 1 or year 2 or a medical practitioner who have an interest in pursuing psychiatry as a career pathway.
2. Trainees and Fellows of another specialty are ineligible to enter.
3. Previous PIF Essay Competition winners (i.e. first place award recipients) are ineligible to enter.
4. Only one essay per entrant is permitted. Co-authored entries will not be accepted.
5. The essay submitted must be your own original work and must not have previously been published online or offline in any format.

Entry requirements
1. Essay entries must address the topic ‘The psychiatrist’s role in responding to global disasters’.
2. The word limit is strictly 1000-1500 words. Essays outside of the limit will be deemed ineligible.
3. Entrants should cite the sources of academia and literature their entry draws on and include a short bibliography (the bibliography is not included in the word limit).
4. All references must be according to the Harvard system.
5. The essay must be submitted in English and in a Word Document (PDF is not accepted).
6. Essays must be submitted via the online form by 11.59pm AEST Sunday 2 August 2020 to be accepted.

Assessment
1. Entries will be judged by an assessment panel comprising Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) members according to clarity of expression, logical presentation of argument along with demonstrated evidence and originality.
2. The RANZCP reserves the right to not award prizes if the essay submissions received are not considered appropriate.
3. Winners will be contacted in early September 2020. All outcomes are final.

Prizes
1. 1st prize, 2nd prize and 3rd prize winners will receive $1000, $500 and $250 respectively.
2. The winning essay will be published in an edition of Australasian Psychiatry.
3. Prize money excludes GST and will be paid via bank transfer in Australian or New Zealand currency depending on the winner’s country of residence.

Entry terms
1. Essay authors retain ownership of their submitted essay.
2. The winning essay authors agree to grant RANZCP the right to publish their essay (either in whole or in part) in RANZCP publications, including Australasian Psychiatry, and on the RANZCP website.
3. The RANZCP reserves the right to modify the format and content of essays for publication purposes.
4. The RANZCP reserves the right to publicise the names of winning entrants, their location and their university or workplace in any RANZCP communications.