The Department of History seeks submissions for the second annual Robert Ireland Undergraduate Essay Prize. One or at most two Prizes will be awarded. If one Prize is awarded, it will be in the amount of $10,000. If two Prizes are awarded, they will be in the amount of $5,000 each.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Prize entries must be papers submitted in partial fulfillment of undergraduate course requirements (independent studies included) during the spring 2021 or fall 2021 semesters, and written under the supervision of a UK History instructor. Currently-enrolled students as well as new graduates who received their bachelor’s degrees in May 2021 are eligible for consideration. Entrants may submit only one essay. Please eliminate ALL identifying information from your essay. In a separate document, please include your name, the title of the paper, and the course title and number of the undergraduate course for which you originally submitted it.
- Prize entries must be papers based on research in primary sources.
- Prize entries must be papers that are no less than 15 and no more than 50 pages in length, including notes and appendices (double-spaced, in 12-point font, with standard margins, with references in Chicago style).
- Single-authored papers only will be accepted. Entries must be original pieces of work, cannot be previously published, and must be written in English.

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