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The Al Jazeera Center for Studies Research Competition



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On the 15th anniversary of Al Jazeera's launch, the Al Jazeera Center for Studies, in cooperation with the Department of Communication at the University of Qatar, is organising a research competition for young researchers. Research papers submitted to the competition should address one of the five below-listed topics. The competition, which will accept papers written either in English or Arabic, will feature two-tiers of competitors: researchers under 26 years of age, and those between 26-35 years old. Submissions to the first category should be between 3,000 and 4,000 words in length, while papers submitted to the second category should be between 4,000 and 6,000 words. Submissions will be evaluated by mass communication scholars in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States. Papers following any one of the five themes will be accepted for review.

Organisers

The competition is organised by the Al Jazeera Center for Studies in collaboration with the Department of Communication at Qatar University which is the academic body to oversee the whole process with regards to setting the terms, conducting arbitration and selecting the first-level winners in the five recommended themes.

Age categories

- First category: should not exceed twenty-five (25) years.
- Second category: between twenty-six (26) and thirty-five (35) years.

Themes

- **Al Jazeera in the age of the new media**

This theme examines the relationship of Al Jazeera with the new media, including social network websites such as Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. It explores the prospects of this relationship and the processes of integration between traditional media and the new media.

- **Al Jazeera and the concerns of the Arab youth**

This theme aims to look into the nature of the relationship between the Al Jazeera network and the Arab youth, in terms of viewership and mutual influence. It also looks into the extent of correlation between the Al Jazeera programmes, on different channels, and the concerns of the Arab youth.

- **Al Jazeera... critical perspectives**

This theme aims to present the most outstanding areas of criticism based on scientific and professional reasoning, with emphasis on the main recommended areas of improvement in order to avoid current loopholes.

- **Al Jazeera's coverage of major events** (wars and armed conflicts, natural disasters, Arab revolutions, etc)

This theme focuses on events of major proportions and how they were dealt with by Al-Jazeera. Researchers may approach these topics with qualitative and/or quantitative content analysis/textual analysis.

- **The impact of Al Jazeera in the Arab world and internationally**

This theme focuses on Al-Jazeera's impact socially, politically, and in terms of public opinion, both at regional and global levels.

Research Terms

- First category: research size: 3000-4000 words and second category: research size: 4000-6000 words
- The research project must have been originally conducted by the researcher and must not have been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere.
- The research project should adopt a scientific method and is to be considered an original contribution to the development of knowledge in the framework of the researched theme.
- The researcher should avoid prolonged quotations that are unauthorised scientifically, making reference to others' works in quotations, whether the works are published or not.
- The research project must be accompanied by margins and major references in accordance with basic scientific research methods.
- The only languages accepted for the research project are: Arabic and English.
- The research project must be written in a clear language, void of as many grammatical and spelling mistakes as possible.
- Consideration of writing ethics, without undermining individuals or institutions is expected.
- Joint research projects can be submitted provided that the number of participants does not exceed two (2).
- The research project is to be sent to the Centre in MS Word format, no later than 31st August 2011.
- The research project is subject to scientific assessment, and the researcher is requested to make the appropriate adjustments according the observations of the jury within an agreed period of time.
- The Centre reserves all rights to publication and distribution, and has the right to republish the research in full or partially in any form or any language.
- A joint research project is treated as a research project by one person in terms of reward and conditions of arbitration.

Arbitration and Awards

A scientific committee from the Department of Mass Communication at the University of Qatar will undertake the responsibility of arbitration and will select and announce the

winning research projects. The winning researcher in each theme (of the two categories) will be awarded a sum of U.S. \$1000 and a certificate of merit and the research will be published later in a book on the topic. The first-level of winning researchers from the second category will also be invited to present their papers in a symposium to be organised by the Center on the eve of the 15th anniversary of the start of Al Jazeera.

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