

2008 OGJ RESEARCH CONTEST

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COMPETITION RULES AND GUIDELINES

Objective

The purpose of this competition is to highlight the importance of the freedom of information concept in modern, democratic society; to enhance awareness by the international community about legal issues concerning the growth and operation of the freedom-of-information concept; and, to encourage contributors to the *Open Government Journal* to take a proactive, informed approach to contemporary legal issues by researching, writing and analyzing such issues.

Authors published in the Open Government Journal may discuss various aspects related to the introduction and proliferation of the freedom-to-information concept across the community of nations by focusing, for instance, on national legislation and policies, institutions, technology, social, governmental or political organization, human nature, psychology, history, philosophy or alternatively, by comparing the application of various legislative regimes to give life to the freedom-to-information concept.

Entrants Eligibility

All research papers submitted before August 1st, 2008 to be published in the *Open Government Journal* are eligible for the prize.

Prize

The winning author will receive \$500.00 CDN. The prize is not transferable or exchangeable. Entries for the contest must be received by no later than **August 1st, 2008**.

Judging Panel

The judging panel will comprise three suitably experienced representatives appointed by the Editor of the *Open Government Journal*. The judging panel's decision upon the award and distribution of the prize is final. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the judges' decision.

Competition Conditions

1. Articles must be a minimum of 2,500 words, excluding footnotes.

2. Articles must be the original work of the Author. If used, references must be provided, listing information sources used in the article. Plagiarism will not be accepted.
3. Each article will be judged based on the following weighted factors:
 - a. 85%. Quality of Work, Each article will be judged upon their submitted critical or scholarly essay and upon their demonstrated academic excellence in accordance with universally recognized scholastic standards.
 - b. 5%. Creativity,
 - c. 5%. Originality,
 - d. 5%. Practicality. The subject matter and the recommendations contained in the article deemed to be of interest for the professional literature, national governments or the media.