Frequently Asked Questions

- Can artistic or creative projects be submitted?
  - As a research paper or project, submissions must include information from multiple sources, including scholarly sources. Creative work and projects in various media substantially informed by research are accepted. A bibliography is required for all submissions.

- Is there a page limit?
  - Papers should be no more than 15 double-spaced pages (not including bibliography). If the paper you wrote for class is longer than 15 pages, you are encouraged to submit an edited version that meets the page limit.

- Is there a preferred citation style?
  - There is no preferred citation style, but make sure the citation style used is consistent throughout the paper.

- Can a project with multiple authors be submitted?
  - Projects and papers with multiple authors are allowed, though the cash prize remains the same. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible.

- Can I submit more than one paper?
  - The limit is one entry per student. If multiple entries are received, the most recent one will be considered.

- Who judges the submissions?
  - A jury of faculty, staff, and possibly students with an interest in ethnic studies will evaluate submissions and determine the award winner.

- Are graduate students eligible?
  - This award is for undergraduates only. It would not be fair to measure undergraduate papers and graduate papers by the same standard.

- When will you announce the winner?
  - The winner and other entrants will be notified of the jury’s decision 2-3 weeks after the submission deadline.

- Once I submit my paper, am I expected to do anything else?
  - If your paper is selected as a winner or an honorable mention, you will likely be asked to make some revisions to your paper before it is published in the Digital Commons and you receive the award.

- Who can I contact with questions?
  - Please contact Sarah Dahlen (sdahlen@csumb.edu)