The 2019 Isabelle de Courtivron Prize

The Isabelle de Courtivron Prize was established to reward high-quality undergraduate writing (creative or expository) and to honor distinguished Professor Emerita Isabelle de Courtivron. De Courtivron, a professor in MIT Foreign Languages and Literatures (now renamed Global Studies and Languages). The Prize was established on the occasion of her retirement in 2010 and is awarded on an annual basis.

Student writing submissions are invited on topics related to immigrant, diaspora, bicultural, bilingual, and/or mixed-race experiences. The de Courtivron Prize is open to all MIT undergraduate students. Entries will be judged by a panel of faculty and professional writers.

The winner will be announced on April 10, 2019. The winner will receive a $400 award. The winning submission will be featured on the GSL (mitgsl.mit.edu). For more information contact gsl-writingprize@mit.edu.

Guidelines for Submission

1. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 6 (by 11:59 PM).
2. Entries should address topics related to immigrant, diaspora, bicultural, bilingual, and/or mixed-race experiences.
3. Students may submit multiple entries. Entries may be fiction or nonfiction, and may not exceed 25 typed double-spaced pages.
4. The student’s name should not appear on the entry (it should only be on the coversheet). The entry may be submitted in Word or PDF format.
5. Each entry must be submitted with a separate cover sheet. The coversheet can be downloaded from the GSL website (https://mitgsl.mit.edu/academics/awards/isabelle-de-courtivron-prize).
6. Works that have been previously published are not eligible for submission. Entries written for classes or as part of undergraduate theses are eligible.
7. Students must be MIT undergraduates to submit work; cross-registered Wellesley and Harvard students, and MIT graduate students, are not eligible.
8. The winning work will be featured on the website of Global Studies and Languages (mitgsl.mit.edu). The student will retain copyright.
9. Submit entries and cover sheets to: gsl-writingprize@mit.edu.