2021 Intro Journals Project

The Intro Journals Project is a literary competition for the discovery and publication of the best new works by students currently enrolled in AWP member programs. Program directors are invited to nominate students’ work, from which winners are selected for publication in participating literary journals. The 2020 journals are Colorado Review, Hayden’s Ferry Review, Iron Horse Literary Review, Mid-American Review, Puerto del Sol, Quarterly West, Tahoma Literary Review, and Tampa Review.

Eligibility Requirements
Both graduate and undergraduate student work is eligible for the competition. Students should contact their program’s director to submit their work. Each member program is free to devise its own method for nominating student works, but only students currently enrolled in AWP member programs may enter the competition. Each winner receives an award letter, publication in a participating journal, and a $100 honorarium.

Guidelines
Please Note: Our submission process has changed. Program directors should now use our Submittable page to upload their students’ work to the competition.

Cover letters are no longer needed, as in previous years, but program directors will need to use the Submittable form to verify that the enclosed nominations are by students currently enrolled in the university’s graduate or undergraduate creative writing program, and use the submission information fields to provide the nominee’s name, permanent address, and current email address, so that AWP may contact and pay the winning students.

Translations are acceptable, but it is the translator’s responsibility to secure publication rights. Nominated works must be unpublished, and author or nominator must notify General Editor Dave Essinger, essinger@findlay.edu, immediately regarding retraction in case of acceptance for publication elsewhere. Individual poems may be retracted from multi-poem submissions.
Each program may nominate no more than one work of nonfiction, one work of short fiction, and three poems (poems do not have to be all by the same author). Excerpts from novels are acceptable. No submission may exceed twenty-five pages.

A student who has won in any given year is not eligible to enter the contest for the next two years. Nominations should be uploaded via our Submittable portal by December 4, 2020. Winners will be contacted in the spring of 2021.