Cartography Student Illustrated Paper Competition
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The Cartography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers is pleased to announce that the 2017 Student Illustrated Paper Competition is now accepting submissions. Our panel of judges will award prizes of $300 (1st place), $200 (2nd place), and $100 (3rd place) to students who demonstrate their excellence in both scholarly research and cartographic design. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate.

Criteria
Participants will be judged on their ability to:
1) Perform scholarly research (this could include identification of a meaningful research statement and execution of appropriate methods/analysis)
2) Produce a map which meets its intended purpose
3) Communicate a well formulated narrative to a broad audience (both verbally and through visuals)

Please note that while posters may include co-authors, awards will be presented to a single applicant.

Illustrated Paper Session Information
In an illustrated paper session, each participant displays a printed research poster in addition to participating in a "lighting round" of oral presentations. More specifically, at the beginning of the session, each participant will, in turn, deliver a short (3-5 minute) presentation outlining their project using their poster for visual reference. Once all participants have presented, posters are left exhibited for informal browsing and discussion. Each presenter will be provided a 4' tall x 8' wide board on which to display their poster. Because this session format does not provide AV equipment, those wishing to present projects using web-based maps may, in addition to their poster, show their work using personal devices. For more information on the Illustrated Paper format, please visit the AAG session type page.

Application Requirements
1) A completed participant application form.
2) A letter of support submitted on your behalf written by an advisor or project manager.

Forms may also be accessed below (QR codes) or at https://aagcartography.wordpress.com/

Deadline and Finalist Selection
The deadline for a completed application is October 21st. Participants will receive an email confirming the receipt of their application by October 24th. Submitted abstracts of all applicants will be evaluated based on criteria 1 and 3 (above) to select up to 12 finalists. Finalists will be invited to participate in the Compass Rose session during the 2017 AAG Annual Meeting. During this session, a panel of judges will evaluate participants based on all listed criteria and select up to three prize recipients. Unless otherwise requested, all non-finalist participants will be organized into additional sessions hosted by the CSG. Participants will be notified of their session assignment by November 11th.

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