2015-2016 CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM AWARDS

The Creative Writing Program offers many annual prizes with significant cash awards to undergraduate and graduate students. Each contest has its own set of guidelines, so please read each carefully. You can read more about general guidelines on the Submission Guidelines page. All fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction contest submissions should be emailed to UC.CreativeWritingProgram@gmail.com.

All work submitted for the Wallace Stevens Prize, Collins Prizes, Hackman Awards, Aetna Creative Nonfiction Awards, Aetna Children’s Literature Award, Aetna Translation Award, and Long River Graduate Awards will also be considered for publication in the 2016 issue of the Long River Review, UConn’s nationally award-winning literary magazine. If you do not wish your entry to be considered for publication, please specify so on your cover sheet.

The same work may be submitted to different contests, but work entered as “nonfiction” in one contest may not be entered elsewhere as “fiction” (or vice versa). Please determine the genre of your work and indicate it on your cover sheet.

Microsoft Word files only, please. No PDFs or Google Docs files.

Unless otherwise noted—Cover Sheet Guidelines: Your cover sheet should include the title(s) of your work, the genre of your work, your name, your student ID number, your permanent address, your phone number, your email address, and your student status (graduate or undergraduate). Note that while your student ID number should appear on every page of the packet, your name should appear only on the cover sheet.

AWP INTRO JOURNALS PROJECT

Deadline: November 1, 2015

Description: The Intro Journals Project is a national literary competition for the discovery and publication of the best new work by students currently enrolled in the programs of the Associated Writing Programs (AWP). Winners receive a $50 cash honorarium and are published in Hayden’s Ferry Review, Mid-American Review, Puerto del Sol, Controlled Burn, Quarterly West, Tampa Review, Willow Springs, or Artful Dodge. As a member program, the University of Connecticut is eligible to nominate one work of nonfiction, one work of short fiction, and three works of poetry by three students.

Who’s Eligible: Graduate and undergraduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.

Guidelines: Work submitted should be unpublished. Students may submit up to one essay, one work of fiction, and three poems. Prose should be double-spaced, poetry single-spaced. Please submit your work via email. The subject line must indicate the full name of the contest and the genre of your submission (for example: “AWP
The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your submission.

**WALLACE STEVENS POETRY PRIZE**

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Prize Amount: $1,000 (first prize), $500 (second prize), $250 (third prize)

Description: Every year since 1964, a prominent poet has been invited to give a reading at the University of Connecticut as part of the Wallace Stevens Poetry Program. A student poetry contest is held in conjunction with that program. First, second, and third place cash prizes are awarded. Prize winners read from their work at the annual program, and winning poems will be published in the *Long River Review*.

Who’s Eligible: Graduate and undergraduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus, with the exception of previous first place winners.

Guidelines: Submit a 5-8 page packet of poems. This can be up to 8 short poems, or several longer pieces, but should not exceed 8 pages. Please submit your work via email. The subject line must indicate the full name of the contest. The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your submission. Note: For the contest, the judges will be assessing the entire packet of poems.

**COLLINS LITERARY PRIZES**

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Prize Amount: Varies annually. The 2014-2015 awards were $4,000 each.

Description: Awarded in memory of Edward R. and Frances S. Collins for the best undergraduate literary work. Two cash prizes are awarded, one in prose and one in poetry. Winning work will be published in the *Long River Review*.

Who’s Eligible: Undergraduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.

Guidelines: Please submit your work via email. The subject line must indicate the full name of the contest and the genre of your submission (for example: “Collins Literary Prizes: nonfiction”). The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your submission.

**JENNIE HACKMAN MEMORIAL AWARD FOR SHORT FICTION**

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Prize Amount: $1,000 (first prize), $300 (second prize), $200 (third prize)

Description: Awarded in memory of Jacob and Jennie Hackman for the best works of undergraduate short fiction. Up to three cash prizes awarded. Winning stories will be published in the *Long River Review*.

Who’s Eligible: Undergraduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.
Guidelines: Please submit your work via email. The subject line must indicate the full name of the contest. The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your submission.

### LONG RIVER GRADUATE WRITING AWARD

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Prize Amount: $250

Description: One cash prize awarded for the best piece of creative work in any genre written by a graduate student. The winning piece will be published in the Long River Review.

Who’s Eligible: Graduate students from any University of Connecticut department.

Guidelines: Graduate students may submit prose pieces of up to 2,500 words or, for poetry, 1-3 poems. Please submit your work via email. The subject line must indicate the full name of the contest and the genre of your submission (for example: “Long River Graduate Writing Award – poetry”). The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your submission.

### AETNA CREATIVE NONFICTION AWARDS

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Prize Amount: $250-$500 (Undergraduate and Graduate)

Description: One prize each for the best graduate and undergraduate works of creative nonfiction will be awarded. Winners will receive a cash prize and will read from their work at an evening program featuring a notable guest author. Undergraduate winner’s work will also be published in the Long River Review.

Who’s Eligible: Graduate and undergraduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.

Guidelines: Students may submit one unpublished creative nonfiction work. Please submit your work via email. The subject line must indicate the full name of the contest and your student status (for example: “Aetna Creative Nonfiction Awards – undergraduate”). The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your submission.

### AETNA TRANSLATION AWARD

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Prize Amount: $250

Who’s Eligible: Graduate or undergraduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.

Guidelines: Students may submit one poem or an excerpt from a longer prose piece (maximum 1,500 words) translated into English, along with the original language version. The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your translated piece, along with the original language version.
AETNA CHILDREN’S LITERATURE AWARD

Deadline: December 1, 2015

Prize Amount: $250. The winning piece will be published in the Long River Review.

Who’s Eligible: Graduate and undergraduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.

Guidelines: Please indicate whether you are submitting a manuscript for a picture book, a sample of children’s poetry or drama, or an excerpt from a middle-grade chapter book or a young adult novel. Limit of 3,000 words. Submit your unpublished work via email. The subject line must indicate the full name of the contest. The submission should consist of one Word document attachment that includes your cover sheet and your submission.

GLORIANA GILL AWARDS FOR DRAWING AND CARTOONING, AND FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Deadline: February 2, 2016

Prize Amount: Varies annually. Last year each prize was $1,000.

Description: Two awards given in memory of artist Gloriana Gill for (1) the best work of drawing or cartooning, and (2) the best work of photography (with preference given to B&W) appearing in the Long River Review. Entrants may submit multiple pieces to each prize.

Who’s Eligible: Undergraduate and graduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.

Guidelines: Please see the detailed guidelines provided on our [website](#).

LONG RIVER REVIEW ART AWARD

Deadline: February 2, 2016

Prize Amount: $100 - $200

Description: A cash prize for the best piece of artwork to appear in the Long River Review. Entrants may submit multiple pieces.

Who’s Eligible: Undergraduate and graduate students from any University of Connecticut department or campus.

Guidelines: Please see the detailed guidelines provided on our [website](#).