Women's History Scotland

LEAH LENEMAN ESSAY PRIZE

For an original essay on women's or gender history

Women's History Scotland awards a bi-annual prize of £200 for an original essay in the field of women's and/or gender history.

The prize was established in 2002 to celebrate the work of Leah Leneman, one of the foremost historians of women in Scotland. A trailblazer for women's history in Scotland, she produced innovative studies on the women's suffrage movement, on women in medicine, and on sexuality and divorce in the early modern and modern periods.

Women's History Scotland wishes to acknowledge the important work of Leah Leneman and to encourage research and publication in the field of women's and gender history.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION

- The essay must be principally focused on some aspect of women’s or gender history and may deal with any time period.
- No area of women's or gender history is excluded.
- The essay should be written in English, and in a form suitable for publication. This means that essays should be written or revised as a potentially publishable article.
- It should be between 8,000 and 10,000 words in length and include foot or end notes. Longer or shorter submissions will not be considered. Do not submit a bibliography.
- The essay should not be under consideration for publication (see below).

ELIGIBILITY

- The author of the submission should be resident in Scotland or enrolled at a Scottish university at the time of submission of the essay. However, entries focused on Scottish history may be submitted by authors living anywhere in the world.
- Authors should be members of Women’s History Scotland.
- To be eligible to submit an essay the candidate must not be in permanent academic employment.
- Queries about eligibility should be addressed to Deborah Simonton (dsimonton@sdu.dk).

JUDGING AND AWARD OF PRIZE

Submissions will be considered by a panel of judges set up by the Steering Committee of Women's History Scotland. A winning essay on Scottish history may be considered for publication in the Journal of Scottish Historical Studies. Advice may be given on other appropriate routes to publication for non-Scottish essays.

DEADLINE

Submit 2 electronic copies (WORD and PDF) of the completed essay to Deborah Simonton at dsimonton@sdu.dk by Monday, 18 December 2023.

Include full name, address and other contact details on a cover sheet but not on the essay itself.