



Gerison and Francine Lansdown 2022-23 Prizes for Undergraduate and Graduate Student Essays

The Landon Pearson Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights at Carleton University invites applications for the 2022-23 Gerison and Francine Lansdown Undergraduate and Graduate Student Essay Prizes in Children's Rights (\$500 each) (*French follows*)

Students studying Children's Rights are invited to submit an essay. Prize winners will be invited to the Child Rights Academic Network Conference (April 2023) and to submit their essay for review and publication in the Canadian Journal of Children's Rights, youth and graduate student sections; the issue is released in November 2023.

These awards, created in 2021 and named in honour of Francine Lansdown and her mother Gerison Lansdown, an international children's rights advocate, encourage research into children's rights advocacy and issues using a rights-based approach. We are particularly interested in essays that focus on the broad theme of children's rights and mental health.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be registered full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program at a Canadian university or have graduated from such a program less than one year ago.
- Applicants must agree to briefly present a synopsis of their essays (live or virtually) at the Child Rights Academic Network Conference 2023 conference in Ottawa, Ontario April, 2023.

Judging criteria

- Essays that explicitly and critically engage with children's rights and children's rights advocacy issues
- Essays that use a rights-based approach to the topic, with references to relevant literature
- Essays that go beyond description and show evidence of original critical analysis.

Applications:

- Complete essays should be sent to the Landon Pearson Centre Director, Virginia Caputo (virginia_caputo@carleton.ca) for consideration by our selection panel by **December 31, 2022**.
- Must not exceed **10 double spaced pages in length** (approximately 3000 words) (plus notes, references and cover page)
- Can be submitted in either English or French
- Must include a cover page (name, department and name of university at which the candidate is registered and their current year in the program)