



Francine and Gerison Lansdown 2023-24 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 2023-24 Francine and Gerison 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. One \$500 prize for an undergraduate student essay; one \$500 prize for a graduate student essay. Prize winners will be presented with their award at the Child Rights Academic Network Conference held in Ottawa in April 2024). Winning essays will be considered for publication in the Canadian Journal of Children's Rights, youth, and graduate student sections; the issue is released in November 2024.

The awards, created in 2021 are named in honour of Francine Lansdown and her mother Gerison Lansdown, an international children's rights advocate. They are meant to support students and encourage critical thinking about children's rights, children's rights advocacy, and focusing on issues important for children and young people 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 will be invited to the Child Rights Academic Network Conference 2023 conference in Ottawa, Ontario April 2024 (virtually or in person if in Ottawa).

Judging criteria

- Essays that are well written, and that critically engage with children's rights and children's rights advocacy issues
- Essays that refer to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child or how using a rights-based approach to the topic matters for young people.
- Essays that display a knowledge of current literature written in the topic area

Application Deadline and Format:

- 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, 2023**.
- Essays 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)