

ASNEL Graduate Award

Purpose of the award

The ASNEL Graduate Award is an annual prize which the Association for the Study of the New Literatures in English (ASNEL) has established to honour exceptional student achievement. The prize is awarded for outstanding theses (*Magisterarbeiten*, *Staatsexamensarbeiten*, master theses, diploma theses) from the field of the new anglophone literatures and cultures or varieties of English which have been submitted at universities, universities of applied sciences, and pedagogical universities in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Theses from other countries can be submitted if they have been authored by student members of ASNEL. The laureate will be chosen by a jury of three university professors. The ASNEL Graduate Award was first awarded in 2008.

Who may nominate theses?

Thesis supervisors who are ASNEL members are entitled to make nominations for the prize to be awarded in 2012. The examination procedure of the thesis nominated must have been completed at the respective university between January 1, 2011 and January 15, 2012.

The deadline for nominations for the ASNEL Graduate Award 2012 is January 15, 2012.

How does one make a nomination?

Kindly send nominations to the ASNEL president first who will pass them on to the jury. Please make your nomination by email to **M.Stein.GNEL@gmail.com**

Also, the jury requires the thesis and your reference, both in electronic form (attachment or CD) as well as a hard copy of the thesis and of your reference. Please send these items to:

Gesellschaft für die neuen Englischsprachigen Literaturen (GNEL)
Prof. Dr. Mark Stein
Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
Johannisstr. 12-20
D-48143 Münster, Germany

What does the award include and where is it awarded?

The ASNEL Graduate Award is endowed with:

- 500 € of prize money
- travel expenses (2nd class return train fare) and hotel accommodation for the award ceremony are covered, as well as the conference fee for the ASNEL conference at which the prize is awarded
- free ASNEL membership (including the ASNEL yearbook) for two years

- ASNEL conference fees are covered for two further years
- option of online publication of the thesis on the ASNEL website

Furthermore, two complimentary prizes will be awarded. These awards include:

- a book token of 50 €
- travel expenses (2nd class return train fare) and hotel accommodation for the award ceremony are covered, as well as the conference fee for the ASNEL conference at which the prize is awarded
- free ASNEL membership (including yearbook) for two years
- ASNEL conference fees are covered for one year

In 2012, the ASNEL Graduate Award and the two complimentary prizes will be presented during the conference dinner (to which the prize winners will be invited) at the ASNEL conference at the University of Berne.