

**Rules and Judging Criteria**  
***The Harry Hale Prize for Graduate Research and***  
***The Harry Hale Prize for Undergraduate Research***

1. Papers must have relevance and merit to be considered.
2. The judging committee for this category shall consist of at least three current officers of the organization but any and all recognized ASSR officers may choose to participate in the judging of these papers unless the paper is submitted by a student from the officers academic institution.
3. The papers will be judged by the committee on the following criteria:
  - a. Relevance to ASSR and SWCRS purposes
  - b. Demonstration of proficiency in employed research methodology (either quantitative or qualitative methods)
  - c. Topic selection and timeliness, importance, or intuitiveness thereof
  - d. Overall quality of the research effort demonstrated in the finished submitted paper
  - e. Intangibles (such as adhering to the ASSR Style Guide for presentation format) and judges' observations in scoring discussions.
4. The judges' selection(s) will receive a certificate (or another form of recognition) and a \$100 honorarium

*Note: The ASSR reserves the right not to award a prize in any given year due to the absence of submissions that conform to the above criteria and/or expectations or for any other reason deemed necessary by the organization.*