YEAR OF THE HUMANITIES VIDEO CONTEST

The organizing committee for the Year of the Humanities in the University invites undergraduate Pitt students to submit short videos addressing the Year of Humanities’ theme of “Being Human” and exploring or presenting the value of the humanities in some way. Videos can be short documentaries focusing on the value of the humanities in individuals’ lives. They may also be short, scripted works that dramatize themes or questions related to the humanities. Questions that may be used as prompts include:

- In what ways are the humanities an essential part of a University education?
- In what ways are the humanities valuable to the public, or in our everyday lives?
- How can studying the arts and humanities improve creativity and innovation in other fields?

If you have an idea but are unsure whether it addresses this theme, feel free to consult the questions on the call for proposals for guidance. Does your idea relate to one or more of the question on this page? If so, make a video!

After the video submission deadline, a panel drawn from the organizing committee of the Year of the Humanities will vote on the top video entries. These selected videos will then be released to the public for voting via the Year of the Humanities Vimeo page. The panel will determine first and second place winners and there will be a special category and prize for the People’s Choice award determined by the public. All winners will be recognized and awarded at the end of year celebration.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 21 APRIL 4 2016 AT 5:00 P.M.**

Prizes, as well as rules and regulations, are listed below.

**CONTESTANTS/PARTICIPANTS**

- Contestants must be undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Contestants may participate in no more than three applications/Video Submissions.
VIDEO CONTENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

- Video Submissions must not: (i) contain any copyrighted works without permission of the copyright owner, (ii) contain any false or defamatory statements about any person or third party, (iii) contain any third party trademarks that suggest affiliation with any trademark owner without permission of such owner, (iv) infringe any third-party proprietary or personal rights, (v) contain any profanity, descriptions or depictions of violence, threatening language.
- All video submissions must be appropriate for all audiences and respectful of others and in keeping with the University's image, as determined by the panel of judges in its sole and absolute discretion.
- Once a team has uploaded its Video Submission, the judges will review the Submission for compliance with these Rules and may disqualify any Submission or remove any Video Submission from the Contest for any reason.
- The panel has no obligation to advise an entrant of an incomplete or otherwise non-compliant entry.
- The panel is not responsible for any Submission being copied from the Contest Website or otherwise appropriated by third parties.
- In the event of a dispute as to any submission, the team member uploading the Video Submission will be deemed to be the entrant.
- By submitting an entry, contestants agree that University of Pittsburgh reserves the right to disqualify any entry.
- The Team and Team members shall be responsible for all claims and damages arising from any content contained in the Video Submissions.

VIDEO LICENSE

- By submitting an entry, all contestants agree that University shall be entitled to use the Video Submission in whole or in part for the University’s purposes without compensation.

VIDEO PRODUCTION AND UPLOADING REQUIREMENTS

- Videos must not exceed (5) minutes in length, including credits. Videos exceeding five minutes will be disqualified.
- Videos must be uploaded to https://vimeo.com/yearofhumanities
- Your video needs to be submitted in one of the following formats:
  - .avi
  - .wmv
  - .mov
  - .mp4
- Please make sure your video has the ability to be downloaded and/or is public.
- Contestants must upload their videos onto the site. The University of
Pittsburgh is not responsible for any failures to encode and/or compress any videos to comply with YouTube or Vimeo or for any problems incurred in uploading the content to the site. The University is also not responsible for any entries that are removed or otherwise modified by YouTube or Vimeo for any reason.

SUBMISSION APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

- Contestants must complete and submit an application (available by clicking here or using the URL http://www.123contactform.com/form-1782703/YOHU-Video-Contest) to be eligible for the contest. If entrants are working in teams, only one application per group is required.

- All materials related to entries, including releases, the website submission forms and the video URL, must be complete and uploaded on the website by **Monday, March 21 April 4, 2016 at 5:00PM**. All entries require a brief creator's statement of three to five sentences describing how the video entry relates to the contest prompt(s) and stating that the content is original.

- In addition to the application, Contestants are required to obtain release forms for any person, image, music, sound recording or other protected materials used in the video. Contestants are responsible for maintaining said releases throughout the contest and are required to submit these forms with the application.

DISQUALIFICATION

- By participating in the contest, contestants agree that University of Pittsburgh reserves the right to disqualify any entry or contestant for failure to comply with the requirements above or any other aspect of the contest rules, including but not limited to failure to include credits or submit creator's statement, related documents, releases, and intellectual property infringement. In addition, any video submission deemed inappropriate or offensive to others will be disqualified by the panel in its sole discretion.

- By participating in this contest, contestants agree that University of Pittsburgh is not responsible for any incomplete, ineligible, illegible or lost entries or agreements, or for any failure to send or receive entries or agreements due to any difficulties faced by the contestant or by University of Pittsburgh.

JUDGING AND WINNERS

- **Prize Distribution**: University of Pittsburgh is not responsible for the division or sharing of any prizes awarded to the members of a group submission.

- **Notice to Winners**: Inability to reach a winner through reasonable efforts may result in disqualification and the choosing of an alternate winner.

- **Odds**: Odds for this contest depend on the number of eligible submissions.

- **Prizes** are not assignable or transferable.
• **Taxes:** Winners are responsible for the reporting or payment of any taxes on the prizes.

**PRIZES**
• First place: $500
• Second place: $250
• People’s choice: $250
  o Note: this will be determined by the number of “likes” a video receives on Vimeo

**DISPUTES**
• By submitting an entry, contestants agree to not dispute the results.
• Contestants agree that construction of these rules and regulations shall be governed by Pennsylvania law, without giving effect to any choice or conflict of laws, provisions or rules.
• Invalidity of any provision within these rules and regulations shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.