

Call for submissions: Kim Santow Law and Social Justice Essay Prize

Sydney Law School is pleased to announce the inaugural Kim Santow Law and Social Justice Essay Prize. For more information, see [here](#).

The Essay Prize is open to students enrolled in an LLB or JD program at an Australian University. In 2022, essays must be submitted by 5.00 pm (AEDT) on Monday 31 October 2022. The Essay Prize will be awarded in association with the annual Kim Santow Expert Panel on Law and Social Justice which will take place on Thursday 1 December 2022.

Rules for the competition are below:

Kim Santow Law and Social Justice Essay Prize 2022: Rules

1. The *Kim Santow Law and Social Justice Essay Prize* is open to any student enrolled in an LLB or JD degree program at an Australian tertiary institution at the time of submission or within the previous six months.
2. Essays must have been written in the 12 months before the submission deadline. A person may not submit more than one essay to the Competition in any given year.
3. Essays must respond to the following proposition:
The NDIS is described as a shift from a welfare system to a market-based system, but there may be limitations in relying on competition and choice in the provision of disability support. Discuss.
4. Essays must be no more than 3,000 words. Essays exceeding this word limit will not be accepted. Footnotes if used, and bibliographies (required), are not included in the final word count.
5. Essays must be submitted as a .pdf document by email to <law.reform@sydney.edu.au>.
6. The deadline for submission of essays is 5.00 pm (AEDT) on Monday 31 October, 2022. No extensions will be allowed.
7. Essays must meet the highest standards of academic integrity, and be fully and accurately referenced according to a recognised referencing

standard (eg, AGLC, Harvard, MLA).

8. Each person submitting an essay must declare that the essay is the person's own original work. By submitting an essay, a person agrees that Sydney Law School may conduct an integrity check for copyright infringement or plagiarism.
9. An essay that is submitted to the Competition must be accompanied by a separate cover page stating:
 - a. the author's name, contact email and telephone number
 - b. a declaration of enrolment (see rule 1)
 - c. a declaration of time (see rule 2)
 - d. a declaration of integrity (see rule 7)
10. A submitted essay must not include any information – for example in a header or footer – that identifies the author, so that it can be marked anonymously.
11. Eligible essays will be reviewed by a panel of experts against the following criteria:
 1. *Novelty*: does the essay address a cutting-edge issue and/or contribute a novel perspective or analysis to the question
 2. *Argument*: is the argument clear, compelling, well-developed and supported by evidence?
 3. *Clarity and structure*: is the essay written clearly and concisely, and organised in a logical and effective way?
 4. *Accuracy*: is the essay presented neatly and legibly, with few or no content, typographical, grammatical and referencing errors?
12. The best essay will be announced on 1 December, 2022 at the Kim Santow Experts Panel on Social Justice to be hosted at the Sydney Law School. The decision of the judging panel is final.
13. The judging panel may in its discretion decline to award prizes.
14. Subject to rule 13, the author of the Winning Essay will each receive a prize of AU\$1000.
15. The author of the Winning Essay will be offered academic support and advice to revise their work for submission for publication.
16. The author of the Winning Essay agrees that if their essay is published (by any means, in any forum), that its publication will be accompanied by an acknowledgment that the essay won the Prize in the relevant year.

Please direct any inquiries to Mr Josh Pallas at <law.reform@sydney.edu.au>.

