



AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

The Environmental Politics and Policy Standing Research Group

APSA EPP Pete Hay Prize 2025 Guidelines

The Environmental Politics and Policy Standing Research Group coordinates the award of two prizes from the Pete Hay bequest: **(a) the Pete Hay Early Career Prize; and (b) the Pete Hay Environmental Politics Prize**. The following guidelines apply to both prizes unless otherwise specified.

Criteria for the Pete Hay Early Career Prize

(a) Eligibility criteria:

- Entries will be accepted from individual entrants. Entries may be sole authored or co-authored. If a paper is co-authored, only one entrant can be designated (typically the lead/presenting author), although if the paper is awarded the award goes to the whole team. The same co-authored paper cannot be submitted more than once by multiple entrants.
- Entrants must be current financial members of APSA and members of the Environmental Politics and Policy Standing Research Group.
- Entrants must be early career researchers (either undertaking a Higher Degree by Research, e.g. PhD or Research Masters, or up to 5 years since the award of the PhD at the date of the start of the APSA conference in which the award is given, allowing for career interruptions). If the paper is co-authored, not all the co-authors need to be ECRs.
- The paper must be in the field of environmental politics broadly construed (including environmental policy, which is within the scope of the Research Group)
- To be eligible, papers must be the length of a standard journal article or book chapter (typically in the range of 7,000-10,000 words plus references). Very brief papers and notes from presentations will not be considered.

- The paper must have been presented (in person or online) by the entrant at the APSA conference in the year in which the award is given. Submissions will not be considered if the paper abstract was accepted for the conference, but the paper itself was not presented.
- As not all panel members may be able to attend every entrant's presentation, the winning paper will be decided on the basis of the quality of the submitted written paper, not additionally on the basis of the quality of the presentation.
- Papers (co-)authored by a member of the judging panel will not be eligible for the prize.
- The paper must not be published or accepted for publication at the time it is presented at the conference. Published papers should instead be submitted for the Pete Hay Environmental Politics Prize.
- In the interests of fairness to ECRs, this prize can only be won once by the same entrant. This does not exclude the possibility of nominating a paper where the previous winner of the prize is a co-author but not the entrant.

(b) Merit criteria:

- Papers will be judged primarily on the basis of the intended contribution articulated by the paper itself (e.g. theoretical/conceptual/methodological innovation, novel empirical analysis or interpretation etc). However, the panel may also take into account original or outstanding elements of the paper that are not explicitly articulated as part of the paper's original contribution.
- The panel will also take into account other aspects of good academic practice, including robustness of analytical framework, methodology and reasoning, clarity of writing and structure, engagement with relevant literature, and fulfilment of high standards of academic integrity.
- The panel may also consider other factors such as relevance for contemporary environmental politics or its history.
- Papers with limited original contribution (e.g. review articles or introductions to special issues) will typically not be considered.

Criteria for the Pete Hay Environmental Politics Prize

(a) Eligibility criteria:

- Entries will be accepted from individual entrants. Entries may be sole authored or co-authored. If a paper is co-authored, only one entrant can be designated, although if the paper is awarded the award goes to the whole team. The entrant will typically be the lead author, although at a minimum the entrant must have made a substantial contribution to the paper. The same co-authored paper cannot be submitted more than once by multiple entrants.
- Entrants must be current financial members of APSA and members of the Environmental Politics and Policy Standing Research Group
- The paper must be in the field of environmental politics broadly construed (including environmental policy, which is within the scope of the Research Group)
- The article must have been published or accepted for publication (confirmation from journal if not published) in a high-quality peer-reviewed journal (eg Q1, APSA A*/A) in either (a) the twelve months up to and including the deadline of the prize entry for that year, or (b) the period between the previous prize deadline and this year's prize deadline, whichever is shorter.
- Papers (co-)authored by a member of the judging panel will not be eligible for the prize.
- Entries are ineligible if the entrant has won the prize within the past five years (e.g. if you win the prize in 2025, you would not be eligible to submit an entry again until 2030).

(b) Merit criteria:

- Papers will be judged primarily on the basis of the intended contribution articulated by the paper itself (e.g. theoretical/conceptual/methodological innovation, novel empirical analysis or interpretation etc). However, the panel may also take into account original or outstanding elements of the paper that are not explicitly articulated as part of the paper's original contribution.
- The panel will also take into account other aspects of good academic practice, including robustness of analytical framework, methodology and reasoning, clarity of writing and structure, engagement with relevant literature, and fulfilment of high standards of academic integrity.
- The panel may also consider other factors such as relevance for contemporary environmental politics or its history.

- Papers with limited original contribution (e.g. review articles or introductions to special issues) will typically not be considered.

Other details about the prizes

- Pete Hay Early Career Research Prize award includes \$250, funded by the Environmental Politics and Policy Standing Research Group through a generous bequest from Pete Hay, and a one-on-one feedback and mentoring session with the judging panel for publication during the conference.
- If the winning paper is co-authored, the distribution of the prize money within the team is up to the discretion of the entrant. If that applies, the panel trusts that the team can reach an equitable agreement.
- No money is awarded for the Pete Hay Environmental Politics Prize, winners of each year's prize will be recorded on the website of the Environmental Politics and Policy Specialist Research Group.
- The APSA EPP reserves the right to give the award to multiple winning papers (in which case the prize money will be distributed equally between them), or not to award the prize at all, in any given year.
- Winners of each year's prize will be announced during the Group's annual meeting at the APSA conference and recorded on the website of the Environmental Politics and Policy Specialist Research Group.
- The panel may choose a runner-up or honourable mention for each prize. If it does so, the winner's name and paper title will be included on the Research Group's list of prizes. Runners-up will not receive any prize money.

Further details are available at [Pete Hay Early Career Prize](#) and [Pete Hay Environmental Politics Prize](#) .

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