

# ***THE IPAC MANITOBA STUDENT PAPER AWARD***

## ***(THE WILLARD J. CONDO MEMORIAL AWARD)***

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

In 1980, the Executive Committee of the Manitoba Regional Group of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) established an award for the best student paper in public administration in honour of the late Willard J. Condo.

Dr. Condo was a long-time Executive member of the Manitoba Regional Group. He had an extensive history of public service in Manitoba, a commitment to improving the quality of higher education, and supported excellence in the field of public administration in the province.

### **II. ABOUT THE AWARD**

1. The Willard J. Condo Memorial Award is annually presented by the Manitoba Regional Group of IPAC for the best student work in public administration or public policy. The object of the competition is to encourage students with career interests in the public service to make original contributions to the field of public administration by examining the structures, processes and outcomes of public policy, administration and management in all spheres of government.

2. There are two categories for the Condo Award: Best Paper and Best Short-Form Assignment.

**Best Paper:** This award is granted on an annual basis to the best essay-style paper (over 2000 words) about public administration or public policy written as part of normal coursework in the previous academic year. This category may include essays, research papers, capstone assignments, or other long-form academic research work.

**Best Short-Form Assignment:** This award is granted on an annual basis to the best short-form assignment (under 2000 words) about public administration or public policy written as part of normal coursework in the previous academic year. This category may include policy briefs, short analyses, or other short-form assignments.

3. A total of \$500 will be spent on an annual basis for the Condo Award. This will typically be divided in two awards of \$250 each, although this may vary if one of the awards is not distributed in a given year.

Funding for these awards come from the Willard J. Condo Memorial Award Trust Fund. The promotion of education and research locally in the field of public administration is an appropriate and desirable use of these funds, and is consistent with the aims and

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objectives of IPAC. The Regional Executive may increase the amount of the award periodically, as it deems necessary.

4. The timeline for the Condo Award will typically be the following:

April-May:	Call for submissions
May-June:	Adjudication and announcement of award winner(s)
October:	Award event

5. The IPAC Manitoba University Relations Chair, with the support of the board, is responsible for organizing and adjudicating the Condo Award. This includes arranging a call for submissions, determining an adjudication panel, and working with the board to organize an award event.

7. Submissions for the Condo Award will be judged by a panel composed of the University Relations chair and two other members, chosen by the University Relations Chair in consultation with the IPAC Manitoba board. Other members will normally include: professors or instructors from one of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions, members of the IPAC board, and civil servants.

**IPAC reserves the right to withhold the granting of either award if there is no paper of appropriate quality in a given category in a given year.**

### III. **RULES FOR THE AWARD**

1. The award is open to any assignment written on the topic of public administration or public policy at any of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions during the previous academic year. The award is open to both full-time and part-time students.

2. Submissions will be judged on the basis of originality, innovativeness, clarity, academic quality, and theoretical and practical significance. The University Relations Chair may develop a rubric or other tool to guide the adjudication panel.

3. All submissions must be nominated by a faculty member or instructor who taught a course at one of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions during the previous academic year. There is no limit to the number of assignments a nominator may submit.

4. Assignments written for course credit are eligible for the award. Assignments that have been published or accepted for publication are not eligible.

5. Papers may be submitted in English or in French.

8. Papers are to be submitted to [Manitoba@ipac.ca](mailto:Manitoba@ipac.ca). The person responsible for monitoring that account will work with the University Relations Chair to anonymize and share submissions as they come in.