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2026 Call for Prize Nominations

The Dr. David Buchan Student Essay Prize

The **International Society for Contemporary Legend Research (ISCLR)** is pleased to announce that it is to award an annual student essay prize to honour the memory of Dr. David Buchan (1939-1994), leading international ballad scholar, and a staunch supporter and perceptive writer in the area of contemporary legend research.

- The prize will be awarded for the best student essay (submitted in writing or presented orally at the annual ISCLR conference) that combines research and analysis on some aspect of contemporary legend, or contemporary legend research. Previously published essays will not be considered for the award.
- Applications are invited from registered (post)graduate students, although undergraduate essays will also be accepted for consideration on the advice of faculty members.
- Either students or their teachers may submit essays. Instructors are asked to encourage students with eligible essays to enter the competition.
- The deadline for submission is the **May 15, 2026** in the year the award is to be made, and the essays should have been written within the previous academic year, or the current academic year.
- The award will be made by the President of ISCLR upon the recommendation of the Selection Committee appointed by him, and will be announced at the annual meeting of the Society.
- The winner will receive \$250 USD, and a year's membership to ISCLR. The winning essay will normally be submitted for publication in the Society's journal, *Contemporary Legend*.

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