

BAXTER FAMILY COMPETITION *on* FEDERALISM

McGill University's Faculty of Law and the Peter MacKell Chair in Federalism announce that the 3rd edition of the **Baxter Family Competition** on Federalism will be taking place in early 2021.

The goal of the Competition is to **advance research and foster informed debate on federalism by students and young professionals** from around the world.

For the first time, the Competition is open to **law and political science** students/PhD candidates, junior scholars and practitioners.

Federalism, Identity and Public Policy in Challenging Times

This edition's theme invites reflections about the impact of federalism on the current COVID-19 crisis – and vice versa –, without being limited to this context.

Comparative perspectives are particularly encouraged.

The winners will be invited to present their papers at a Symposium in May 2021 in Montreal (circumstances allowing). First-, second- and third-place winners will receive prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000 (CAD).

Prizes will be awarded by a **stellar international jury**, including two former justices from the Supreme Court of Canada, the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin and the Honourable Clément Gascon.

The prize-winning papers of the 2017 and 2019 editions may be found at <https://www.mcgill.ca/law/research/essay-contests/baxter-competition-federalism>.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
February 1st, 2021, before midnight
(Eastern Standard Time)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Eligibility

- Authors must either
 - Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in law or political science;
 - Hold a law or political science degree and have obtained their most recent degree (in law or political science, or otherwise) after February 1st, 2016; or
 - Have been admitted to the Bar (or the local equivalent) after February 1st, 2016.

Criteria for submission

- Original text in English (max. 8,000 words) or in French (max. 8,800 words), including references;
- Not yet submitted for publication as of February 1st, 2021;
- Written in 12-point font, double-spaced, with 2.5 cm (1 inch) margins on all sides;
- Numbered in the upper right corner;
- Submitted in Microsoft Word format;
- Includes full references as footnotes or notes in text and bibliography;
- Includes an abstract summarizing the main question and main conclusions (max. 200 words).

- Introduced by a distinct document including:
 - title, author's name, contact information (e-mail, phone number, address), statement affirming the eligibility for the Competition (date of graduation or of admission to the Bar), declaration confirming the unpublished status of the paper.

Submissions and inquiries:

by email, to Prof. Johanne Poirier, Peter MacKell Chair in Federalism, at baxter-competition.law@mcgill.ca.

This prestigious bi-annual competition is made possible through the generous support of Rachel Baxter (BSc'84, BCL'88) and Colin Baxter (BCL'90, LLB'90).



“We believe that Canada ultimately benefits from a thoughtful discourse about the strengths and weaknesses of federal systems – and if properly and respectfully fostered at law schools, this can promote a new generation of citizens (and leaders) who have actually given some thought to how our country operates, and perhaps ways to make it better.”

– Colin and Rachel Baxter