



## **Global Health Law Student Writing Competition**

**Organized by: Global Health Law Interest Group (GHLIG) of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) and the Journal of Global Health Law**

### **Introduction**

Since 2024, the Global Health Law Interest Group (GHLIG) of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) annually collaborates with the Journal of Global Health Law in hosting a Global Health Law Student Writing Competition. This competition aims to foster insightful and impactful student-led discussions on crucial health law topics that have international significance.

The GHLIG and Journal of Global Health Law annually award a Prize to the author of an unpublished paper that a Selection Committee considers to be outstanding in the field of global health law. The selected paper will also have the chance to be featured as a publication in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Global Health Law.<sup>1</sup>

### **Eligibility**

The competition is open to any individual enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in any country. To be eligible, a paper must be written in the academic year 2024-2025. Please note that jointly authored papers are not eligible. Membership in ASIL is not required.

### **Topics**

The paper must address a significant issue within the sphere of global health law. The competition adopts the framing of global health law offered in the inaugural issue editorial of the Journal of Global Health Law, which recognizes that global health law encompasses:

“...legally binding and non-binding instruments adopted under the framework of the WHO and other relevant international institutions/organizations – first and foremost the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health – and a range of hard and soft law standards recognized in other branches of international law.”<sup>2</sup>

Regional and sub-regional frameworks within which health-related standards have been adopted, as well as non-state governance, such as through professional bodies, philanthropic and private sector actors, also have important bearing on global public health.

We encourage diverse methodological approaches, including qualitative and quantitative methods.

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<sup>1</sup> Publication of the selected manuscript is subject to any revision(s) that may be requested by the journal editorial board and/or award selection committee.

<sup>2</sup> Brigit Toebeles and others, ‘The New Journal of Global Health Law: Cracking the Foundations of the Field’ (2024) 1 Journal of Global Health Law 1.



## **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee will consist of individuals drawn from private practice, academia, and/or government, who possess expertise in the fields covered by the Prize. The composition of the Selection Committee will comply with ASIL's diversity policies.

## **Criteria**

In assessing the papers, the Selection Committee will take into account the following criteria: 1) originality; 2) depth of research; 3) sophistication of the analysis; and 4) potential to have an impact in the field.

## **Prize**

The Prize will consist of a certificate of recognition, to be awarded at the ASIL Annual Meeting, and a complementary ASIL membership for one year. Additionally, the winning student will be assigned a mentor from the Selection Committee. This mentor will assist the winner in further developing their paper in preparation for a publication in the Journal of Global Health Law.

## **Submission Guidelines**

Papers must be original, unpublished work. They should be between 5000 and 8000 words (including footnotes), in English, double-spaced, and follow a recognized academic citation style. They must be anonymized.

Entries must be submitted electronically by **31 August 2025** at this link:  
**<https://forms.gle/2LrG8sQMaDqZKQec8>**