

Newton Prize Competition

The Newton Prize was established in 1918 by Mr. Yejiro Ono (小野英二郎) of Tokyo, in memory of Professor James K. Newton of the Oberlin faculty. Ono (grandfather to Yoko Ono) graduated from Oberlin in 1887. The Newton prize is intended to further cross-cultural understanding between Asia and the West. This competition is open to all students of the College and the Conservatory. Awardees will receive a monetary prize.

Interested students must submit:

- A completed application form, available online (*See below*)
- An essay, translation, poem, creative writing, or other work which focuses on, or illustrates issues of cross-cultural understanding between Asia and the Western World. All works must have been created in coordination with a class or sponsored independent study. Honors projects are also eligible.

Participants are encouraged to consult in advance with a member of the East Asian Studies Faculty concerning submission of entries. Seniors can submit a final paper written in Spring for next year's competition.

Deadline for Entries:

Mon. April 27, 2026, 5pm

Submit your complete application to Alyssa Nickley at anickley@oberlin.edu

**Application Form on
East Asian Studies Website:**

<https://www.oberlin.edu/arts-and-sciences/departments/east-asianstudies/scholarships>