



## **The Professor Riaz Hassan AAIMS Prize for Best Honours Thesis**

The Australian Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (AAIMS) is pleased to announce the inaugural Professor Riaz Hassan AAIMS Prize for Best Honours Thesis.

Signaling its commitment to promote knowledge and scholarship in Islamic and Muslim studies, AAIMS offers this prize for the most outstanding Honours thesis in the field. It is hoped that this annual prize will serve to encourage junior scholars to pursue further research in the inter-disciplinary field of Islamic and Muslim studies.

The award is named after Emeritus Professor Riaz Hassan OAM, who has been a foundational figure in Islamic Studies in Australia and has held positions of eminence at Flinders University, the National University of Singapore (NUS), Gadjah Mada University, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and Yale University.

AAIMS welcomes submissions in the broad field of Islamic and Muslim studies, across the breadth of the humanities and social sciences, including the disciplines of law and legal studies, anthropology, sociology, political science, media studies, philosophy and theology.

### ***Conditions of entry:***

- Theses need to have been submitted at an Australian university towards an Honours degree during the 2018 calendar.
- Submission need to be made by a relevant university department or supervisor.
- Submissions need to be accompanied by a brief supporting statement by the supervisor or departmental delegate.

Submissions will be adjudicated by a panel of senior AAIMS members. Theses will be judged on three key elements:

- Contribution to the field of Islamic and or Muslim studies;
- Innovation and originality; and
- Theoretical strength

The winning scholar will be awarded a certificate of recognition, a \$500 prize and will be named on the AAIMS website.

Submissions should be made to [info@aaims.org.au](mailto:info@aaims.org.au) by 5.00pm Thursday 31 January 2019.