

The Foundation for Development Cooperation and The University of Queensland are
proud to announce the Inaugural

STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION

The essay competition is open to all UQ students. The essay must address one of the topics below and must not exceed 3000 words. The essay must be thoroughly referenced and contain a bibliography. The paper will be assessed by a panel of UQ academics and FDC staff. Submit your papers electronically by Monday 7 December 2009 to info@fdc.org.au.

The winners will be notified by Monday 22 February 2010.

Competition prizes :

- **1st Place: \$ 1500**
- **2nd Place: \$ 1000**
- **3rd Place: \$ 500**

This year's topics are as follows:

1. **Renewable energy: how to make it more financially accessible to the poor?**
2. **Resources Sector: can it improve the wellbeing of communities surrounding mining sites?**
3. **Social Enterprise: can this help reduce global poverty?**
4. **Financial Inclusion: how can it be improved in APEC's developing economies?**
5. **HIV/AIDS in the Pacific: what is its impact at the village level?**

For information on essay presentation guidelines visit our website at
<http://www.fdc.org.au/files/news/2009/essay-competition-guidelines.pdf>

About FDC

The Foundation for Development Cooperation is an independent, not-for-profit international development organisation. Established in Brisbane, Australia, in 1990, the mandate of FDC calls for it to conduct policy-oriented research, foster public awareness, mobilise broader Australian and overseas development cooperation, and support non-governmental development efforts. Through partnerships and alliances, FDC undertakes a range of initiatives which seek to improve the lives of poor people in developing countries, foster innovative approaches to development, and connect apolicy work to self-help efforts at the grass roots level. FDC's work includes economic development and assessment, policy analysis, grass-roots community-based initiatives, strategic research, partnerships and leverage, advocacy, consulting and advisory services, project design and implementation, secretariat and network management, and training and capacity building. FDC's headquarters is in Brisbane, Australia. FDC has an Asia regional office in Singapore and a Pacific regional office in Fiji.