

COE Undergraduate Award Proposal

The College of Education currently does not have internal undergraduate awards and yet, of course, we have outstanding undergraduates doing exceptional work in many areas. In an effort to (1) recognize COE undergraduates, (2) promote COE undergraduates for university-level awards and beyond, and (3) increase COE visibility in university awards at all levels, we propose three annual COE undergraduate awards, each with a cash prize of \$500, a certificate, and recognition at the COE awards program in the spring:

- College of Education Outstanding Sophomore Award
- College of Education Outstanding Junior Award
- College of Education Outstanding Senior Award

Using this set of annual COE awardees, we will be in a position to nominate students for the Purdue awards (see table) and awards beyond Purdue (see attached spreadsheet, in preparation).

Purdue UG Award	Eligibility	Nomination Due
Purdue Outstanding Sophomore	Sophomore	April 1
Flora Roberts Award for Outstanding Senior Woman	Senior	Mid-February
G.A. Ross Award for Outstanding Senior Man	Senior	Mid-February
Mortar Board	Junior	Late January
France A. Córdova Award for Leadership in Action	Senior	Mid-March
Martin C. Jischke Outstanding International Student	Senior	Not posted now
Undergraduate Research Award for Humanities and STEM	----	March 1

Given these deadlines, we would need nominations by late fall or early spring semester in order to have time for the selection process; nominations would be submitted directly to the COE Awards Committee. The following award description and nomination requirements are based on criteria for the university awards.

College of Education Outstanding Student Awards

Each year, the College of Education will award three UG awards with eligibility as defined below. Students can self-nominate or be nominated by another student, staff, or faculty member.

- Outstanding Senior: Anticipated graduation in May or August of current year
- Outstanding Junior: Anticipated graduation in December, May, or August of the next academic year
- Outstanding Sophomore: Anticipated graduation in December, May, or August in two years

Eligibility

- Earning degree offered in the College of Education
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Demonstrated active commitment to the following (these categories are not distinct, so it may be that one activity is mentioned in more than one section):
 - Scholarship (e.g., undergraduate research, course/program projects)
 - Leadership (e.g., clubs, athletics, organizations)
 - Service (e.g., volunteer tutoring, working at a food pantry)
 - Diversity, Equity, & Social Justice (e.g., International Friendship Program; BCC, LCC, NAECC, LGBTQ centers; SEED)
- A student can be nominated for this award in multiple years; however, if the student already won the award, only activities and achievements received since the previous award will be considered.

Nomination Packet

- Cover page – name, PUID, e-mail address, major(s)/minor(s), GPA, expected graduation date, nominator (if different from self), signatures/dates of nominee and nominator
- Up to three pages addressing the candidate's commitment in four areas: scholarship, leadership, service, diversity and inclusion (only include activities since arriving at Purdue)
- Up to three one-page support letters.

Include a list of possible activities to include:

- Honors, awards, recognitions
- Employment
- Extracurricular activities
- Study abroad
- Research activities