Sociology Program  
Student Awards Categories  
2021-2022  
(last updated March 10, 2022)

- Award applications/nominations/submissions are limited to sociology majors only  
- An award will not be offered if there are no candidates in a category for the given year  

Academic Excellence in Sociology Award  
($500)

- Sociology Program Student Awards Chair in conjunction with Sociology Advisor will identify those who are eligible by March 31 and invite them to apply.  
- The following criteria are required:  
  o Sociology major  
  o At least 24 sociology credits completed  
  o GPA of at least 3.5 in sociology coursework  
- ***Student-initiated applications: submit to hursta@oregonstate.edu  
  o Applications must include an original essay on the topic, Why Study Sociology? The essay should be approximately 3-5 pages in length.  
- Deadline for applications is April 20

Conference Presentation Award  
($200)

- For the best paper/poster/roundtable presented by a sociology major at a professional conference  
- Paper/poster/roundtable submissions  
- The following criteria are required:  
  o Sociology major  
  o At least 24 sociology credits completed  
  o GPA of at least 3.0 in sociology coursework  
- ***Student-initiated applications: submit paper/poster/PPT with a brief email describing the presentation (including conference) to hursta@oregonstate.edu  
- Deadline for submissions is April 20
Faculty Recognition Award
($100)

- For the best paper submitted as part of a sociology course
- Papers from classes other than WIC (SOC 315)
- The following criteria are required:
  o Sociology major
  o At least 24 sociology credits completed
  o GPA of at least 3.0 in sociology coursework
- Sociology Program faculty will submit papers as nominations: faculty should submit to hursta@oregonstate.edu
- Deadline for nominations is April 20

William C. Jenne Experiential Learning Award
($400)

- Sociology major
- Recognizing sociology majors who are actively “doing sociology” in the community, with a strong preference for work that addresses social justice.
- ***Student-initiated nominations: submit to hursta@oregonstate.edu
  o Submit an essay on the topic, Doing Sociology. The essay should address one or more of the following questions: (1) What have you learned through your internship or community service? (2) How has your experiential learning deepened your sociological awareness and/or contributed to social justice? (3) What connection do you see between your coursework in sociology and the work you are doing in the community? The essay should be no longer than two single-spaced pages.
- Deadline for submissions is April 20
WIC Culture of Writing Award in Sociology
($100)

- Papers from SOC 315 (Methods I: Research Design) [or 318; in future years, this will be 318 only]
- Sociology major
- Sociology Program faculty will submit papers as nominations: submit to hursta@oregonstate.edu
- Deadline for nominations is April 20