

**Sociology Program**  
**Student Awards Categories**

**2021-2022**

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- 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
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**Academic Excellence in Sociology Award**  
(\$500)

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- 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:
    - Sociology major
    - At least 24 sociology credits completed
    - GPA of at least 3.5 in sociology coursework
  - \*\*\*Student-initiated applications: submit to [hursta@oregonstate.edu](mailto:hursta@oregonstate.edu)
    - 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**
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**Conference Presentation Award**  
(\$200)

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- For the best paper/poster/roundtable presented by a sociology major at a professional conference
- Paper/poster/roundtable submissions
- The following criteria are required:
  - Sociology major
  - At least 24 sociology credits completed
  - 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](mailto:hursta@oregonstate.edu)
- **Deadline for submissions is April 20**

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**Faculty Recognition Award**  
(\$100)

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- For the best paper submitted as part of a sociology course
  - Papers from classes other than WIC (SOC 315)
  - The following criteria are required:
    - Sociology major
    - At least 24 sociology credits completed
    - GPA of at least 3.0 in sociology coursework
  - Sociology Program faculty will submit papers as nominations: faculty should submit to [hursta@oregonstate.edu](mailto:hursta@oregonstate.edu)
  - **Deadline for nominations is April 20**
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**William C. Jenne Experiential Learning Award**  
(\$400)

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- 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](mailto:hursta@oregonstate.edu)
  - 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**

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**WIC Culture of Writing Award in Sociology**  
(\$100)

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- 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](mailto:hursta@oregonstate.edu)
  - **Deadline for nominations is April 20**
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