

Awards

Each spring, the Department holds a Graduate Awards Banquet to honor the achievements of our graduate students. The DGS, Graduate Program Coordinator, and COGS student representatives organize the banquet, which is a celebration for all students, staff, and faculty. At the Banquet, we announce winners of departmental awards (detailed below) and honor students who have received a Master's or PhD degree as well as those who have authored refereed journal articles and book chapters or presented a paper at a professional meeting.

Leonard D. Eron Award for Outstanding Scholarly Accomplishment

Established on the occasion of Leonard Eron's retirement, the award is made annually to the graduate student in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago who best exemplifies the tradition of scholarship and scientific contributions made by Leonard Eron. Every graduate student registered during the current academic year in the Department is eligible for consideration for the award in that year, including students who completed all of their requirements for the Ph.D. since the date of the previous year's award. Apart from exceptional circumstances, graduate students will not be eligible if they have received the award before or if more than two years have passed between the date of their prospectus approval and the date of their dissertation approval. The major criterion for the award is evidence of accomplishment in scholarly research. The primary source of this evidence is papers authored by the nominee (first author) that are judged by the Selection Committee to have the potential for a major impact on the field.

1990 David B. Henry	2008 Jennifer Watling Neal
1991 Loretta J. Stalans	2009 Marina Fiori
1992 Not awarded	2010 Adrienne J. Heinz
1993 Not awarded	2011 Cynthia Nadjowsk
1994 William G. Shadel	2012 Jessica Salerno
1995 Walter D. Scott	2013 Randi Schuster
1996 Suzanne L. Davis	2014 Andrew Jarosz
1997 Alison Miller	2015 Stephanie Gorka
1998 Jason Schklar	2016 Natania Crane
1999 Nilly Rafaeli-Mohr	2017 Amy Peters
2000 Tamara Haegerich	2018 Gregory Bartoszek
2001 David J. Therriault	2019 Courtney Zulaf
2002 Sharon M. Wasco	2020 Matt McCurdy
2003 Jessica Cook	2021 Elizabeth Boots
2004 Not Awarded	2022 Carter Funkhouser
2005 Henrietta Filipas	2023 Franchesca Kuhney
2006 James McAnany	
2007 Ben Jee	

Harry S. Upshaw Award for Excellence in Teaching

Established on the occasion of Harry Upshaw's retirement, the award is made annually to the graduate student in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago who best exemplifies Harry Upshaw's dedication to teaching excellence.

Every graduate student registered during the current academic year in the Department is eligible for consideration for the award in that year including students who completed all of their requirements for the PhD since the date of the previous year's award. In addition, the graduate student must have completed all of the requirements of the Practicum in Teaching and be committed to an academic career. The major criterion for the award is evidence of outstanding accomplishment in teaching.

1992 David B. Henry
1993 Theresa M. Schultz
1994 Pamela I. Dallob
1995 Paula Smith
1996 Mark R. Pitzer
1997 Nicole Schnopp-Wyatt
1998 Kimberley Duff
1999 Julie Tillema
2000 Courtney Ahrens & Bonnie Rosenblatt
2001 Bonnie Rosenblatt
2002 Kari Nysse-Carris
2003 Thomas D. Griffin
2004 Trina Kershaw
2005 Julie Schecter
2006 Tracy Caldwell
2007 Robert Youmans

2008 Susan Long
2009 Jennifer Veilleux
2010 Travis R. Ricks
2011 E. Sam Winer & Traci Weinstein
2012 Steve N. DuBois
2013 Not Awarded
2012 Daniel Conybeare
2015 Ryan Leach
2016 Katie McCarthy
2017 Spencer Campbell
2018 Alex Jendrusina
2019 Amber Kraft
2020 Vinod Dair Nas
2021 Felix Pambuccian
2022 Kathryn Howard

Christopher B. Keys Award for Early Outstanding Research Achievement

Established on the occasion of Christopher Keys' retirement, this award is made annually to a 1st through 3rd year graduate student who is in good standing in the Department of Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago whose work best exemplifies the tradition of innovative, adventuresome research conducted by Christopher Keys.

The major criterion for the award is a high-quality research project that is completed in substantial part at UIC. Special consideration is given to an innovative research that breaks new ground theoretically, methodologically, empirically, or practically. The research has to be completed, so no works in progress, abstracts, etc. can be accepted, though it does not have to be defended or in press yet.

2007 Justin St. Andre

2008 Adrienne Heinz

2009 Jessica Salerno

2010 Lisa M. Alvy

2011 Katherine Emerson

2012 Laura Kuper

2013 Stephanie Gorka

2014 Alexander Sokolovsky

2015 Sarah Hernandez

2016 Huiting Liu

2017 Matthew McCurdy

2018 Marbella Uriostegui

2019 Elizabeth Boots

2020 Carter Funkhouser

2021 Katherine Paltell

2022 Rebecca Denson

2023 Melanie Tran

Michael J. Piorkowski Award

In memory of their son, Michael J. Piorkowski, Dr. Geraldine and Mr. Frank Piorkowski have endowed an award to the University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Psychology. The purpose of the award, in the words of his parents, is to "honor the memory of our son, Michael J. Piorkowski, and to encourage the pursuit of psychology to a graduate student who displays intellectual curiosity, creativity, strength of character, and love of people--characteristics that Michael had in abundance." Michael's graduate career in psychology was abruptly ended by a terminal illness. *This award is given to a deserving student in the area of Brain & Cognitive Sciences.*

1997 Mark R. Pitzer

1998 David Cook

1999 Holly Rice

2000 David Therriault

2001 Mark G. Orr

2002 Michael F. Bunting

2003 Tim Miura

2004 Ivan K. Ash

2005 Rob Youmans

2006 James McAnany

2007 Leah Rubin

2008 Gregory Colflesh

2009 Jason Braasch

2010 Travis Ricks

2011 Patrick Cushen

2012 Stephanie Ebner

2013 Andrew Jarosz

2014 Dennis Amodeo

2015 Allison Jaeger

2016 Jacklynn Fitzgerald

2017 Andriana Christofalos

2018 Marta Mielicki

2019 Sushi Shrikanth

2020 Tricia Guerrero

2021 Joshua Buffington

2022 Lena Hildenbrand

2023 Rachel Donka

Jamie Carter Research Resource Award

UIC alum Jamie Carter, in appreciation of her education in the Psychology Department, established this award to further their graduate student training by purchasing a research tool, e.g. special software package or small piece of equipment, attend a training workshop or travel to a conference in which the student will present. The awardee must be in good academic standing and demonstrate an active and productive research career.

2015 Carlos Salas & Alexander Sokolovsky

2016 Not awarded

2017 Hillary Rowe

2018 Not awarded

2019 Andriana Christafalos & Marie Chesaniuk

2020 Kathryn Howard

2022 Franchesca Kuhney

2023 Rebecca Denson

Dr. David B. Henry Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

The UIC Department of Psychology appreciates the significant work of its graduate students who serve as teaching assistants. Each year, this work will be recognized with the Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistance. Winners will receive \$500 and a plaque. There may be multiple winners in exceptional circumstances.

ELIGIBILITY: Nominees should be graduate students in the Department of Psychology who have shown excellence in the role of teaching assistant over the course of one or more semesters.

2021 Kelly Burke

2022 Jennifer Hoots

2023 Joshua Lovett & Nellie Shippen