

Patricia O. McConkey Outstanding Graduate Student Awards Announcement

Brief History:

The Office of Academic Programs and Undergraduate / Graduate Studies is pleased to announce the **2019-2020 Patricia O. McConkey Outstanding Graduate Student Awards/Graduation with Distinction**. These awards recognize the outstanding graduating student graduating with a master's degree from each program. There will be multiple McConkey awards; each program will select an awardee. Students who will have completed a master's degree between May 2019 and May 2020 are eligible.

Timeline and Process:

April 3, 2020: Nomination Form closes (please note this is a hard deadline, nominations will not be accepted after this date).

April 29, 2020: Awards ceremony for nominees and nominators

Eligibility:

1. Only one student from each program/option may be selected for the McConkey Outstanding Student/Graduation with Distinction award. If a graduate program has more than one "option," each option may select an Outstanding Student.
2. Each program/option is responsible for soliciting nominations and selecting its McConkey Outstanding Student. Only truly outstanding students should be selected; if no exceptional students graduate from a program in a given year, then none should receive the award.
3. The nominees should be judged on the following general criteria:
 - Academic Performance
 - a minimum GPA of 3.5 at the time of nomination
 - Academic Citizenship during graduate studies at HSU
 - based on a qualitative evaluation of the student's teaching effectiveness, leadership, and/or collaboration among peers, demonstrated through activities such as committee service, volunteerism, presentations, publications or performances, and the student's service to the:
 - Department
 - College
 - University
 - Community
 - Profession
 - Quality of Culminating Experience
 - based on an evaluation of the student's thesis, project, or comprehensive exam.

Submission Process

To submit your chosen nominee for the McConkey award please complete the Patricia O. McConkey Award nomination [Google form](#). In addition, please send a photograph of the student as well as their current mailing address and email for ceremony invitations to be sent to. This can be sent to hsugrad@humboldt.edu.

Graduation with Distinction

Students who receive the award will “graduate with distinction.” This title will appear on their official HSU transcripts. Recipients will also be invited to attend the **Outstanding Students Award Ceremony and Reception** (Recognizing Students Who Make a Difference) held on April 29, 2020, at HSU and will receive a certificate of award. Recipients are also allowed to purchase a gold stole for commencement that identifies them as graduating with distinction.

