

## Patricia O. McConkey Outstanding Graduate Student Awards Announcement

### Brief History:

The Office of Academic Programs and Undergraduate / Graduate Studies is pleased to announce the **2020-2021 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 2020 and May 2021 are eligible.

### Timeline and Process:

March 26, 2021: Nomination Form closes (please note this is a hard deadline, nominations will not be accepted after this date).

Awards ceremony for nominees and nominators: TBA

### 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](mailto: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) 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.

