

UNLV PSYCHOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

The UNLV Department of Psychology is pleased to announce awards for undergraduate students! To be eligible, students MUST BE current UNLV Psychology majors at the undergraduate level. Winners will be selected by a committee of UNLV Psychology faculty members and submissions are judged on both accomplishments and writing quality. Awards will be distributed during a ceremony at the end of the spring semester.

AWARDS:

- (1) **Outstanding Psychology Junior**
- (2) **Outstanding Psychology Senior**
- (3) **Psychology Service Contribution**
- (4) **Psychology Non-Traditional Path**

NOTES: Specific descriptions of each award are included on page 2 of this announcement. Students are allowed to apply for more than one award.

SUBMISSION PROCESS:

Students are to nominate themselves by writing an essay describing their accomplishments (400 words or less, single-spaced) – specific instructions for the essays are listed on page 2 of this announcement. At the top of the essay, you should clearly list (a) the award, (b) your full name, and (c) your email.

All awards require endorsement by a UNLV psychology professor (and sometimes a supervisor – see page 2) – please have them sign the page at the bottom of your essay. Also, all awards require that you submit an unofficial transcript (please name this file like this: **“LastName_FirstName_transcript”**).

Signed essays should be scanned and saved as a PDF file and named like this: **“LastName_FirstName_AwardName”**. Send all materials in an email with the award name in the subject line to: david.copeland@unlv.edu

DEADLINE:

Submissions must be received by *****April 1, 2020 at 11:59pm!*****

(1) OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY JUNIOR

To be eligible, you must be a Psychology Major with 89 or fewer credits completed (as noted on your unofficial transcript). In 400 words or less (please keep the text to 1 page, single-spaced), write why you are deserving of this award. You can describe any academic achievements (e.g., GPA, Psych GPA, etc.), psychology research accomplishments, and service accomplishments. In addition to the essay, for this award you can also include a second page with a list of any research presentations, journal articles, book chapters, thesis, awards, scholarships, or funding (e.g., research / travel grants). The committee will give particular attention to students who have achievements in more than one area. Have 1 UNLV professor who knows your work PRINT and SIGN her/his name on your essay submission. In addition, for this award you MUST also include an unofficial transcript.

(2) OUTSTANDING PSYCHOLOGY SENIOR

To be eligible, you must be a Psychology Major with 90 or more credits completed (as noted on your unofficial transcript). In 400 words or less (please keep the text to 1 page, single-spaced), write why you are deserving of this award. You can describe any academic achievements (e.g., GPA, Psych GPA, etc.), psychology research accomplishments, and service accomplishments. In addition to the essay, for this award you can also include a second page with a list of any research presentations, journal articles, book chapters, thesis, awards, scholarships, or funding (e.g., research / travel grants). The committee will give particular attention to students who have achievements in more than one area. Have 1 UNLV professor who knows your work PRINT and SIGN her/his name on your essay submission. In addition, for this award you MUST also include an unofficial transcript.

(3) PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE CONTRIBUTION AWARD

To be eligible, you must be a Psychology Major. In 400 words or less (please keep the text to 1 page, single-spaced), write why you are deserving of this award. This award will recognize students who have completed meaningful service work (especially if it is psychology-related); this can include volunteer work or internships. You can describe any service activities (UNLV or community) – clearly convey your role, contribution (what exactly did you do), length of time, relatedness to psychology (if any), and note any compensation (paid, course credit, internship, volunteer). Have 1 UNLV professor AND a supervisor from your position (please provide a job title and email for him/her) who knows your work PRINT and SIGN his/her name on your essay submission. In addition, for this award you MUST also include an unofficial transcript.

(4) PSYCHOLOGY NON-TRADITIONAL PATH AWARD

To be eligible, you must be a Psychology Major. In 400 words or less (please keep the text to 1 page, single-spaced), write why you are deserving of this award. You can describe your academic achievements (e.g., GPA, Psych GPA, research accomplishments, etc.) as well as how you overcame adversity, started / returned to college at an older age, or took a non-traditional path (this can include things like military service). Have 1 UNLV professor who knows your work PRINT and SIGN her/his name on your essay page. In addition, for this award you MUST also include an unofficial transcript.