



## Description of Departmental Awards

The Awards Committee seeks nominations for six departmental awards: three for graduate students, two for undergraduates, and one for a departmental supporter. The awards and materials required for nomination are described below.

### Graduate Student Awards

**James J. Bradac Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Research.** The Bradac Award is presented to a graduate student who has made significant contributions to the field of human communication through a record of sustained excellence in research projects and publications. A variety of research activities will be considered for the award including publications, conference papers, grants, papers submitted for publication or under review, works in press, and book chapters. The committee will place considerable emphasis on the quality of the work and its outcomes. Faculty members and/or peers can make nominations. Self-nominations are also strongly encouraged. Eligible graduate students include those who are either ABD or who are currently in the qualifying exam reading or writing quarters.

**Nomination process:** Nominees must provide a curriculum vitae that contains details on research and publications and a brief narrative (~1-2 pages) describing the nature and scope of their research activities, including the nominee's role and unique contributions to research projects. The narrative should also emphasize the nominee's contributions to the field of human communication. Nominees should include the names of two faculty members most familiar with their research experience, so the Awards Committee can solicit faculty feedback on the nominee's research. Faculty will receive a Qualtrics link to a form that will ask them to provide feedback (500 words max). Lastly, nominees should provide a sample paper (e.g., published article or article under review) that they feel best represents their thinking about communication.

**Edwin Schoell Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching.** Named in honor of Edwin Schoell, Professor Emeritus and past Chair of the Department of Communication, this award honors a graduate student who has set an example of outstanding teaching service through interaction with undergraduate students. Qualifications for the award include high quality classroom performance, use of good pedagogical techniques, professional attitude and manner, substantial and proactive assistance to course directors, team membership, and helping to build colleagues' morale. The nominee should also demonstrate innovative techniques in the classroom and serve as a role model for fellow teaching assistants.

**Nomination process:** Nominations from faculty, fellow graduate students, and self-nominations are encouraged. Names of nominees should be submitted to the chair of the Awards Committee, who will contact the nominated graduate students to solicit a curriculum vita with teaching experiences, a summary of lower and upper division teaching activities, and a narrative about how they envision their role as teachers.

Nominees should also include the names of two faculty members who are most familiar with their teaching, so the Awards Committee can solicit faculty feedback on the nominee's teaching. Faculty will receive a Qualtrics link to a form that will ask them to provide feedback (500 words max). The Awards Committee will also obtain ESCI scores for the nominees. No other documentation should be submitted.

**Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award.** This award is given to a graduate student in recognition of and involvement in the intellectual and professional life of the Department of Communication. Examples of this leadership might include (but are in no way limited to) organizing recruitment weekend, organizing workshops for teaching assistants, organizing department colloquia and brownbag seminars, trouble-shooting problems in the department and addressing them, and helping with departmental events. This award may or may not be awarded every year. The recipient of this award will receive a one-year free dues/membership payment and journal subscription to the National Communication Association.

**Nomination process:** Faculty members and/or peers can make nominations. Self-nominations are also encouraged. Nominees will be required to submit a curriculum vitae and a narrative statement that describes the nature and scope of their departmental service/leadership activities.

### *Undergraduate Awards*

**Steven H. Chaffee Award for Excellence in Research.** Given to an undergraduate student who demonstrates excellence in research and scholarship. Faculty should nominate honors students and research assistants who have contributed research ideas to a project.

**Nomination process:** Faculty nomination letter and a copy of the student's resume that includes information on research and scholarship. This award does not have to be given every year.

**Communication Alumni Association Award for Service to the Department of Communication.** Given to a graduating senior in the Department of Communication who has demonstrated outstanding involvement, service, and leadership to the university and/or community. Faculty should nominate students who have been active in the Student Communication Association, Lambda Pi Eta, American Marketing Association, faculty committees, and departmental projects.

**Nomination process:** Faculty nomination letter and a copy of the student's resume that lists the service roles and activities for the department and student associations.

### *Departmental Supporter Award*

**Sara Miller McCune Award for Service to the Department.** This award is named in honor of Sara Miller McCune, co-founder and Past President of SAGE Publications and is awarded to someone (or a group) outside the department in recognition of their involvement in the intellectual and professional life of the department. Nominees may be community members, alumni, faculty members, or staff who have made major contributions to the intellectual and professional life of our department.

**Nomination process:** Faculty interested in nominating someone should provide a nomination letter that documents the intellectual contributions and professional involvement that this person has given to the Department of Communication. This award is not necessarily given every year.