Departmental Awards and Prizes

Each year we award several different prizes to our students at the departmental Convocation ceremony. Instructions on how to apply for these awards are available on the Scholarships and Financial Support page.

Best Paper and Outstanding Student Awards

**Slavic Excellence Prizes**

These prizes are awarded for the best paper written by an undergraduate and graduate student. They include a prize of $250, to be applied to tuition.

**Past Undergraduate Recipients:**

- Irene Cruz Talavera (2018) - Mother-daughter relationships in Ulysses and Lolita
- Gautham Velchuru (2017) - Terms of Address in Spanish
- Roxanne Garcia (2017) - Technology as an Underworld
- Peter Berge (2016) - Womanish Fiddle-Faddle: ‘Vasilisa the Priest’s Daughter’ As a Model for Gender Discussion in Folklore
- Allegra Bozorth (2016) - After the Ball
- Kathryn Draney (2015) - The Division of Raskolnikov’s Personalities
- Shannon Foss (2014) - The Contextual Dimension of Bilingual Emotion Expression
- Alison Knight (2013)

**Past Graduate Recipients:**

- Wilhelm R. Zuercher (2017) - Technology Loanwords and Assigned Gender in Russian and Slovene
- Brent Woo (2016) - Speech and Song: Phonetics of Russian Art Song
- Veronica Mushkeli (2013) - A New Post-Soviet Village-Prose Tale: How Natalya Klucharyova’s A Year in Paradise Refers to Alexandr Solzhenitsyn’s Matryona’s House

**Asante Prize**

From 2007-2011 the prize for best undergraduate paper was funded by a one-time gift.

**Past Recipients:**

- Kendra Ellis (2011) - The Chekhovian Character Sketch
- Nate Bottman (2010) - Ivan as Antichrist, Andrei as Pontius Pilate; Ivan as Antimoses, Andrei as Pharoah: Everyone’s Sacred-Heartless in Olesha’s *Envy!*
- Le Button (2010) - For Art is Always Conflict! Collision and Control in the Montage Theory of Sergei Eisenstein
- Diana Aitova (2009) - What’s in a Middle Name: On the Use of Patronymics in the Russian Language
Outstanding Undergraduate Student

This prize is awarded for academic excellence and service to the department. It includes an award of $150, to be applied to tuition.

Past Recipients:
- Haley Taylor-Manning (2019)
- Levi Sy (2018)
- Jake Hansen (2017)
- Alexis McClimans (2016)
- Garrett Love (2015)
- Alison Knight (2014)
- Jeremy Coppock (2013)
- Corey Krzan (2012)
- Cyrus Rodgers (2011)
- Leah Jirova (2010)
- Diana Aitova (2009)
- Bridget Swirski (2008)
- Marina Mikhalchenko (2007)
- Sarah Cunningham (2006)

Outstanding Graduate Student

This prize is awarded for academic excellence and service to the department. It includes an award of $200, to be applied to tuition.

Past Recipients:
- Nathan Marks (2019)
- Alex King (2018)
- Nathan Marks (2017)
- Alison Knight (2016)
- Cyrus Rodgers (2015)
- Bonnie Layne (2014)
- Veronica Muskheli (2013)
- Matt Boyd (2012)
- Tyson Sadleir (2011)
- Alsu Shakirova (2010)
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- Lubov Penkova (2008)

Best Language Student Awards

For many years, the Polish Home Ladies Auxiliary has awarded a prize to the Best Polish Language Student. In 2013 the other Slavic communities also established prizes for the best students in the respective languages.

Best Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian Language Student
Kevin Spivey (2013)

**Best Czech Language Student**

1st-year:
- Mikhail Balasyuk (2013)

2nd-year:
- Deanne Greaves (2013)

3rd-year:
- Jeremy Coppock (2013)

4th-year:
- Clara Summers (2013)

**Jaroslava Soldanova Award for Czech Studies**
- Clara Summers (2014)

**Best Polish Language Student**

- Nathan Marks and Alison Knight (2017)
- Alexander King and Alison Knight (2016)
- Anatoly Klots, Brian Collins and James Pabiniak (2014)
- Anatoly Klots and Bonnie Layne (2013)
- Morgan McAllister (2012)
- Johanna Gawronska (2011)
- Dylan Lionberger (2010)
- Olga Galczuk (2009)
- Travis Currit (2008)
- Timothy Wellman (2007)
- Nicole Niesulowski (2006)
- Kuei'yu Chen (2005)
- Dan Newton and Jessica Blackford (2002)
- Amanda Lloyd (2001)
- B. Amarilis Lugo de Fabritz (2000)
- Nathan Krage (1999)
- Shosh Westen (1997)
- Geoffrey Schwartz (1996)
- Timothy Riley (1994)
- David Graber (1991)
- Anna George (1990)
- Mark Golubiec (1989)
- Irina Kominz (1988)
- Michael Moss (1987)
Polish Studies Endowment Committee Certificate of Recognition

- Mercedes Shereda (2019)

Best Russian Language Student

1st-year:
- Joshua Swynenburg (2019)
- Heather Frizzell (2018)
- Levi Sy (2017)
- Ana-Maria Georgieva (2016)
- Jake Hansen (2015)
- Angelina McMillan-Major (2014)
- Margaret Babayan (2013)

2nd-year:
- Reilly Bellen (2019)
- Levi Sy (2018)
- Jake Hansen (2016)
- Jiri Ferenc (2015)
- Alison Knight (2014)
- Brian Jacoby-McCurdy (2013)

3rd-year:
- Levi Sy (2019)
- Michelle Lie (2013)

4th-year:
- Teyloure Ring (2013)

Best Slovene Language Student

- Gregory Chapman (2014)
- Veronica Muskheli (2013)

UW Polish Studies Scholarship

The UW Polish Studies Scholarship is awarded to UW students interested in studying in Poland. Scholarships are offered by the UW Polish Studies Endowment Committee, and are made possible through the generosity of supporters and friends of UW Polish Studies.

Past Recipients:
- Jake Hansen (2017)
- Nathan Marks and Anna Wahler (2016)
- Karolina Lamb (2013)
- Anna Grzankowski (2011)
- Corey Krzan (2010)
- Patricia Erickson (2009)
Slovene Studies Summer Travel Stipend

The Slovene Studies Summer Travel Stipend is awarded to UW students interested in attending the summer Slovene Language/Culture Seminar in Ljubljana.

Past Recipients:
- Hannah Standley (2019)

Vadim Pahn Scholarship

The Vadim Pahn Scholarship provides students with a $1,500 scholarship to study Russian during summer quarter in the department's intensive language program. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage and promote knowledge of the Russian language and culture, and to increase understanding of Russia and its people.

Past Recipients:
- Chutong Liu (2018)
- Sarah Skerlec (2017)
- Ana-Maria Georgieva (2016)
- Anna Vara (2015)
- Krystine Cabrera (2014)
- Michelle Lie (2013)
- Laura Kim (2012)
- Jessica Redinger (2011)
- Blerina Shehu (2010)
- David Feldman (2009)
- Kelli Hanson (2008)
- Roxanne Gill (2007)
- Cadence McAfee (2006)
- Christy Lam (2005)
- Emily Paget (2004)
- Karl Fallstrom (2003)
- William J. Harvey (2002)
- Sarah Newby (2001)
- Daniel Newton (2000)
- Daniel Soler (1999)
- Kelley Kilanski (1998)
- Christina Szabo (1997)
- Jaime Temairik (1996)
- Clayton Leishman (1995)
- Amy Canon (1994)
- Corbett Beck (1993)
- Thomas Campbell (1992)
- Mary McArthur (1991)