

DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE RELIGION: SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. Robert and Althea McLaren Outstanding Essay Award

Amount:

\$150 Department of Comparative Religion Scholarship

\$100 Titan Shops Scholarship

Established by: This award was established by Robert and Althea McLaren to recognize and honor outstanding written essays.

Open to: This award is open to Comparative Religion majors and minors (current students or graduates) who have written an essay for a Comparative Religion course in the past calendar year.

Criteria: Quality of essay, including its depth of analysis, coherence of style, and effective use of religious studies methodologies. Usual length is seven or more pages.

Application Procedure: 1) Submit a paper copy of the essay to the Department of Comparative Religion office, UH-313, and send an electronic copy of the paper to the Chair of the department.

Application Deadline: March 15

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2. Donald Gard Award

Amount:

\$150 Department of Comparative Religion Scholarship

\$100 Titan Shops Scholarship

Open to: This award is open to non-graduating Religious Studies majors in their junior or senior year of study.

Established by: This award was established by the Department of Comparative Religion to honor Dr. Donald Gard by recognizing outstanding student academic achievement and potential.

Criteria: Scholastic achievement and academic potential.

Application Procedure: 1) Complete the SA application, answer all 7 questions, and sign the certification; and 2) Submit the application to the Chair of the Department of Comparative Religion, UH-313.

Application Deadline: March 15
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3. Morton Fierman Award

Amount:

\$150 Department of Comparative Religion Scholarship
\$100 Titan Shops Scholarship

Established by: This award was established by the Department of Comparative Religion to honor Dr. James Parkes and Dr. Morton Fierman by recognizing students with exemplary records of service to the department and university.

Open to: This award is open to current Religious Studies majors.

Criteria: Service to the university and department.

Application Procedure: 1) Complete the SA application, answer questions 1-4, and sign the certification; and 2) Submit the application to the Chair of the Department of Comparative Religion, UH-313.

Application Deadline: March 15



4. James O'Shea/Joseph Kalir Outstanding Senior Award

Amount:

\$150 Department of Comparative Religion Scholarship
\$100 Titan Shops Scholarship

Open to: This award is open to graduating Religious Studies majors (previous fall graduates, or upcoming spring graduates).

Established by: This award was established by the Department of Comparative Religion to recognize one outstanding graduate each year.

Criteria: Scholastic achievement, academic potential, and service to the department and university.

Application Procedure: The Outstanding Senior Award winner is chosen by the Comparative Religion faculty from graduating majors.



5. Comparative Religions Student Commencement Speaker Award

Amount:

\$150 Department of Comparative Religion Scholarship
\$100 Titan Shops Scholarship

Open to: This award is open to graduating Religious Studies majors (previous fall graduates, or upcoming spring graduates). The winner is chosen to represent the Department as the student speaker at the annual commencement ceremony.

Established by: This award was established by the Department of Comparative Religion to select recognize one student commencement speaker each year.

Criteria: Scholastic achievement, academic potential, and service to the department and university, public speaking skills.

Application Procedure: The Student Commencement Speaker Award winner is chosen by the Comparative Religion faculty from graduating majors.