



Call for Nominations: FABBS Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards 2020-2021

Purpose: The Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS) brings together organizations with interests in advancing the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior. The purpose of the FABBS Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards is to acknowledge and honor undergraduate student investigators who have conducted research of superior scientific quality and with broad societal impact. Up to five Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards will be awarded in each academic year. Award winners will receive an honorary certificate from FABBS, and their research will be featured on the FABBS website. All FABBS member societies and affiliates will be informed of the award winners.

Nomination Eligibility: Undergraduate majors in behavioral and brain science whose home academic department is a current FABBS affiliate are eligible. Each FABBS department affiliate is encouraged to identify and nominate one junior or senior undergraduate major who is conducting independent or capstone research of superior scientific quality and broader impact.

How to Apply: The nomination deadline for the 2020-2021 FABBS Undergraduate Research Excellence Awards is March 5, 2021. To be considered, the following information should be submitted to info@fabbs.org with subject line “FABBS Call for Nominations -- Undergraduate Research Awards”:

- (1) Project title and 200-word abstract.
- (2) A statement in the department’s nomination letter verifying institutional review board approval, if applicable. Nomination letters should come from the department chair or from the chair of the department’s awards committee.
- (3) Project Summary - should include an Introduction/Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, and an Impact Statement. The latter should describe the potential societal impact(s) of the research. Along with scientific quality, societal impact will be considered in the evaluation of all nominees. The Impact Statement should be brief (3-4 sentences in length) and should convey the (potential) relevance of the research for policy decisions (e.g., implications of the research for social and policy issues, and/or efforts to communicate the science to non-academic constituencies). Each of these sections is limited to no more than 500 words.

Please include an e-mail address for the nominee and other departmental contacts. Either PDF or Word files are acceptable, though Word is preferred for the Project Summary. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee comprised of at least one FABBS Board member and a representative from a FABBS member society. Nominees and nominating departments will be notified of award decisions by April 15, 2021.