

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 13, 2026
To: Members of the Faculty
From: Kimberly Petersen, Dean
Re: Provost Student Excellence Award Nominations for 2026

Lloyd International Honors College is inviting nominations for the 2026 **Provost Student Excellence Awards**, which is conferred each spring at the Student Honors Convocation. This award is the highest academic honor given to undergraduates at UNCG. Lloyd International Honors College's Honors Council celebrates the most outstanding of UNCG's undergraduate students by selecting the winners from among the nominees. The Honors Council bestows the award on those seniors with high academic achievement who have engaged in the following criteria:

- Creativity, initiative, and/or perseverance inside and outside the classroom.
- Significant service and leadership at the university.
- Other ways of enriching communities on and beyond campus.

Evidence of these accomplishments is usually demonstrated inside the classroom by the achievement of high grades and the superior completion of specific projects and assignments. Outside the classroom evidence typically includes such activities as independent research and other creative activities, study abroad, and community involvement that are linked to the student's academic studies.

Each department or program will be allocated a certain number of Provost Student Excellence Awards (PSEA) based on their number of majors. Departments and programs with 1-99 majors will be allocated ONE award; those with 100 to 499 majors will be allocated TWO awards; and those with 500 to 2,000 majors will be allocated THREE awards. Nominated students must have at least a **3.50 GPA** (*cum laude*) and at least 90 semester hours earned from all institutions (with at least 45 semester hours earned at UNCG) as of January 2026. Hours of academic credit earned abroad while a student at UNCG should be included as UNCG hours. December 2025 graduates who meet these criteria are eligible. A student may win the award only once.

If two or more departments or programs wish to nominate the same student who is a primary or second major (or a minor), each of those departments or programs may initiate a co-nomination. The co-nomination will consist of separately submitted nomination forms (one from each department or program). Kindly state at the top of the form that it is a co-nomination with another department or program. And please note that if you are co-nominating a student that it counts as one of the allotted nominees for your respective department or program.

The deadline for receiving nominations from Department Heads or Program Directors is Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Each nomination must include the following:

1. **The completed Nomination Form** providing all the information requested.

[Provost Student Excellence Award 2026 Nomination Form – Fill out form](#)

2. **The Departmental Head/Program Director Approval Form** signed by the Head or Director.

[Provost Student Excellence Award 2026 Department Head/Program Director Approval – Fill out form](#)

This year, our convocation ceremony won't take place; instead, we'll distribute the certificates directly to the recipients' departments. Each department will hold its own graduation ceremony and handle the disbursement of certificates. This approach ensures a more intimate and personalized experience for graduates within their academic communities. Departments will have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of their students in a meaningful way. While the convocation may be postponed, the recognition of our graduates' accomplishments remains a priority.

If you have any questions regarding the Provost Student Excellence Awards, please call 336-334-9730.