This award recognizes outstanding undergraduate achievement in the field of Mesoamerican studies, as judged by a written essay.

**The Award:** The award will be a check for $100 in 2023, to be used as the awardee sees fit. The winner will be announced in April.

**Eligibility:** All undergraduate students at the University at Albany are eligible for this award.

**Cover letter:** Include a cover letter with your essay, detailing the circumstances under which it was conceived and written, and it should include the name of one faculty member referee (see next item below).

**Faculty reference:** You should ask one faculty member to write a short letter or email to ims@albany.edu in support of your application.

**Essay Requirements:** Unpublished essays on any aspect of Mesoamerican studies are eligible for submission. The essay may be a revised term paper, a senior honors thesis, or any other essay. Creative artistic works may also be submitted instead of an essay. Co-authored student essays are eligible, but co-authored student-faculty essays are not. Papers submitted for consideration should be under 30 pages in length, double-spaced, and should conform to the style of a major professional journal, such as *American Antiquity* or *American Anthropologist*. Students should consult the style guide of the journal and make sure that bibliographic entries, subheadings, and other elements conform to the correct style. All necessary tables and illustrations must be included, but the illustrations do not need to be in final publishable format.

**Criteria for Evaluation:** Essays will be judged by a committee of IMS faculty for their professional quality, following standard disciplinary criteria.

**Submission:**
Submit your cover letter and essay in the form of a single pdf, via email, to ims@albany.edu no later than Friday, March 24, 2023.