

**Humboldt State University
Department of Biological Sciences**

GARY J. BRUSCA AWARD FOR INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

1. The purposes of the Brusca Award are to:
 1. honor Professor Gary J. Brusca for his many years of inspiring students, and
 2. promote and encourage interest in field studies of invertebrate zoology at HSU by recognizing promising graduate students in that area.

2. This award is to be presented annually to a graduate student who:
 1. is regularly enrolled and pursuing a master's degree in Biological Sciences at HSU,
 2. is in his or her first or second year of residence and has at least two academic semesters of course work yet to be completed at HSU subsequent to the award,
 3. has received a 3.25 GPA in prior coursework in invertebrate zoology at upper-division and graduate levels,
 4. has received a 3.0 GPA in academic work at HSU, and
 5. shows genuine and exceptional interest and promise in field studies of invertebrates.

3. The recipient shall be selected by a departmental committee, called the Brusca Award Committee, which shall:
 1. be made up of three interested faculty in the department elected by their peers,
 2. determine candidates for the award by application from eligible graduate students or by nomination from faculty,
 3. meet and issue the award once annually, in spring,
 4. select the recipient and announce his or her name before the last week of classes so that classmates and faculty may recognize and congratulate the winner, and
 5. issue no award in a year in which the committee decides that there are no suitable candidates.

4. The awardee shall:
 1. have his or her name submitted to campus publications and public announcements of the University as appropriate,
 2. have acknowledgment of the award maintained on the student's departmental record,
 3. have his or her name forwarded to the Brusca family, and
 4. have his or her name placed on a plaque to be displayed in the department, which shall bear the names of recipients and year of awards.

5. The award shall be financed by interest earned from the Brusca Award Fund, supplied by donations and administrated by the HSU Foundation, and shall be limited to no more than 5% of the principal.

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