The James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial and Intercultural Peace and Harmony

Guidelines

In recognition of the Cornell student, professor, administrator or program making the most significant contribution to furthering the ideal of university community while respecting the values of racial and cultural diversity, Trustee Emeritus Thomas W. Jones ’69 has chosen to endow The James A. Perkins Prize for Interracial and Intercultural Peace and Harmony.

The $5,000 prize is awarded at a special ceremony each spring. The Perkins Prize is given with the understanding that the money will be used to further projects promoting interracial and intercultural peace and harmony at Cornell University. The three criteria used to select the student, administrator, faculty member or program that receives the prize are:

1. The number and diverse identities of students participating in a sustained level of involvement, which leads to a set of accomplishments;
2. The extent to which these accomplishments promote common values and shared community standards among diverse students; and
3. The extent to which these accomplishments enhance the abilities of students to work with, live with, and learn from individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, beliefs, identities and cultural perspectives.

The Perkins Prize Selection Committee will be chaired by Senior Associate Dean of Students Mary Beth Grant, Law ‘88. Additionally, there will be two undergraduate students, two graduate students, two faculty members and two administrators, each appointed by the Dean of Students. The committee will select as many as three nominations from which one will be selected for recognition.

Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to apply for the Perkins Prize. Projects or programs that took place between January 2015 and January 2016 are eligible for consideration.

Application deadline: March 7, 2016
Applications forms available at: dos.cornell.edu/perkins-application
Questions: Perkins_Prize@cornell.edu

Award Ceremony – open to the public
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 4:30 pm
Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall