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 $5000 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 will receive 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 2016 and January 2017 are eligible for consideration.

Application deadline: Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Application form: dos.cornell.edu/perkins-application

Award Ceremony: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 4:30pm Memorial Room, Willard Straight Hall Open to the public

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