

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Professor LeRoy Nyquist Memorial Scholarship in Organic Chemistry

Frequency of Award: Annually

Award Amount: \$1,000

Purpose: To reward outstanding performance in organic chemistry. The award will recognize an M.S. student in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry whose research focuses on organic chemistry, and who also serves as a Teaching Assistant and/or Graduate Assistant.

Submission Deadline: 5:00 pm on March 25, 2019

Award Background: Linda Nyquist established this scholarship in memory of her husband, the late LeRoy Nyquist, Ph.D., who was a Professor of Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Science and Mathematics, California State University, Northridge. He joined the faculty of San Fernando Valley State College (later changed to CSUN) in 1962 where he taught, lectured and conducted research until his retirement in 1992 when he became professor Emeritus. Dr. Nyquist's expertise was in organic chemistry. His classroom and laboratory performance was rewarded with a CSUN Distinguished Professor Award and the Sigma Xi Award for Distinguished Research in Chemistry. He was honored by the Associated Students with a Volunteer Service Award for tutoring students for twenty years. Dr. Nyquist passed away in 2014.

Selection Criteria: Applicants must be graduate students with at least one year remaining before they complete their degree. He or she must be matriculated in an M.S. degree program in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and conducting thesis research in organic chemistry. He or she must also be a current Teaching Assistant and/or Graduate Assistant in the Department, or will begin as a TA or GA by fall of the year in which he/she applies for the scholarship.

Application Materials and Process: Candidates must complete and submit a Professor LeRoy Nyquist Memorial Scholarship in Organic Chemistry application by the deadline. Materials must include:

1. a completed application cover page (downloaded from the Department website)
2. an unofficial transcript
3. a personal statement which includes (but is not limited to) a description of the research being pursued.
4. a recommendation letter (on departmental letterhead, signed and sealed in an envelope) from a member of the Chemistry and Biochemistry faculty specializing in organic chemistry. The faculty member must address explicitly in the letter how many semesters the student will remain in the M.S. program.

All materials must be submitted in a single package to:
The Professor LeRoy Nyquist Memorial Scholarship in Organic Chemistry
c/o Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
California State University, Northridge
18111 Nordhoff Street, EH 2102
Northridge, CA 91330-8262

Selection Process: The Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry will appoint a selection committee to review and select applicants for this award. One or more recipients shall be selected per year by a committee of at least three faculty members representing the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Award Notification: The Department Chair or designee will send award letters to each of the recipients and arrange for Award Certificates either to be mailed or handed in person at the Departmental Awards Ceremony, which occurs near spring commencement and at which the recipient shall be announced and honored.

Award Disbursement: The awardee will not receive the monetary award until a thank you letter to the donor has been submitted to the College Director of Development. Award recipients must also be willing to meet with the award donor or designee. Checks will be issued in early fall.