

**UNIVERSITY HONORS COUNCIL**  
**Bucknell University**  
**Lewisburg, PA 17837**

**Miller Prize Instructions**

The University Honors Program is designed to promote creative and rigorous independent study among our more accomplished students. The Harold W. Miller Prize is awarded to one or two Honors graduates that best realize the aims of the Honors Program. The Prize was established in 1975 in recognition of a man who was instrumental in founding the Honors Program and served as its Director for many years.

The criteria for nominating and selecting students for the Miller Prize shall include the following:

1. The initiative, independence, dedication, and perseverance of the candidate.
2. The originality, scope, and difficulty of the project.
3. The rigor with which the methods was applied.
4. The significance of the results.
5. The performance of the candidate on the oral examination.
6. The quality of the final presentation of the project.

To be considered for the award, a candidate must be recommended in writing by all three of the members of the oral examination committee. This may come in the form of a single letter that each committee member signs, or in separate letters addressed to the Director of the Honors Council. All nominations must be submitted by the final date that approved theses may be deposited with the Director, as indicated on the Calendar of the Honors Program. A subcommittee of the Honors Council then will meet to review the nominations and the completed projects, and select the recipient of the Miller Prize. Should two persons be selected, the Prize will be shared equally between them.

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