

**2021 Dr. Priscilla Clarkson
Undergraduate Registration Award**

BACKGROUND:

Established in memory of Priscilla M. Clarkson, Ph.D., FACSM, the Priscilla M. Clarkson Student Travel Award will be awarded annually to an undergraduate student presenting at the ACSM Annual Meeting. Dr. Clarkson was devoted to creating an exemplary undergraduate educational experience at a large, public university. Her focus on students and the importance of positive mentoring permeated her career. Prior to becoming Dean of the Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Dr. Clarkson founded and led the university's Muscle Biology and Imaging Lab, lending her expertise to both NASA and the NCAA. Her primary area of study was examining how muscles work when functioning properly, and what happens to muscle tissue following disuse or aging resulting from injury or atrophy. Dr. Clarkson was a fellow and past-president of the American College of Sports Medicine and ACSM Foundation.



AWARD:

In 2021, the American College of Sports Medicine Foundation will be offering one (1) Registration Award through the Priscilla Clarkson Memorial Fund. The purpose of the award is to advance education for one (1) undergraduate student by providing complimentary registration to present their scholarly work at ACSM's 68th Annual Meeting June 1-5, 2021.

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REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a Bachelor's student in good standing at the time of submission of the abstract for the ACSM Annual Meeting and an ACSM member.
2. Abstract, based on research performed as an undergraduate, must have the applicant as the first author and have been accepted by the program committee for presentation at the Annual Meeting (e.g. free communication/slide, free communication/poster, clinical case study). *As final Annual Meeting abstract selections may not be released by this date, interested candidates are encouraged to apply with their submitted abstract, and verification of acceptance will be made during the application review process.*
3. Must have a faculty sponsor, who must sign the application indicating that the student is in good standing and is responsible for the research abstract being presented.
4. A letter (no longer than one page) from the applicant describing: a) the importance of the research being presented; and b), how the research experience influences her/his future career.
5. Scientific quality will be the primary criterion for selection. Following quality, priority will be given to human-based research on topics important to Dr. Clarkson, including:
 - Exercise-induced muscle damage, soreness, and adaptation
 - Sport nutrition, dietary supplements, and performance enhancing drugs
 - Dance
 - Exercise and cancer
6. **Applications must be received by the ACSM office by 5:00 p.m. EST on April 5, 2021.**
7. Applications must be directed to foundation@acsm.org. Please type "2021 Priscilla Clarkson Undergraduate Registration Award" in the e-mail subject line. **Along with a completed application and letter, include a copy of your abstract.**
8. Announcement of award recipient will be made on May 3, 2021.
9. Previous recipients of the Dr. Priscilla Clarkson Undergraduate Travel Award will not be eligible for selection in 2021.

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Name _____ ACSM Member ID _____

Signature _____

Postal Address _____

E-Mail Address _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Institution _____

Degree/Degree Being Pursued _____

Abstract Title

Faculty Sponsor _____

* Faculty sponsor confirms that the applicant is an undergraduate student in good standing and is responsible for the research abstract being presented.

Faculty Sponsor Signature _____

Institution _____

Sponsor E-Mail Address _____

Sponsor Daytime Telephone _____

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Completed Award Application (page 3 of this document), with Sponsor Signature
- Presentation Abstract
- One-page letter describing importance of research being presented and the research experience

All documents should be combined into a SINGLE pdf and received at foundation@acsm.org by 5:00 p.m. EST on April 5, 2021. Multiple document files will not be accepted.

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