

Post-Secondary Russian Scholar Laureate Award Report 2018
Submitted by Alla A. Smyslova, PSRSLA Chair, on April 14, 2018

FACTS:

- ✓ Updated the list of Russian-language programs to which to send information about the program. Today the list includes 153 programs
- ✓ Sent announcements and invitations to heads of Russian-language programs via SEELANGS, CCPCR (Committee on College and Pre-College Russian), ACTR website
- ✓ Sent invitations and reminders by e-mail to 153 Russian language programs
- ✓ Sent a personal e-mail message to each nominating faculty member acknowledging the nomination and thanking them for their participation in the program
- ✓ Made sure at least one nominator was a current ACTR member with 2019 dues paid. Fifteen nominators either renewed their lapsed membership or joined the ACTR
- ✓ Mailed ACTR certificates and letters to nominators April 6
- ✓ Updated the list of laureates on the ACTR website

RESULTS:

- ✓ 77 institutions submitted nominations, 7 of them for the first time (see the list below)
- ✓ 2 program responded but did not nominate
- ✓ 11 programs that participated last year did not respond

BUDGET:

- ✓ **as of today, not yet final** \$285.15 (in 2017 \$230.01, in 2016 \$203.65, in 2015 \$205.64, in 2014 \$242.35, in 2013 \$287.46) was spent on this year's PSRSLA. The expenses included certificate and letter printing, envelopes and postage

COMMENTS FROM NOMINATORS:

"Thank you! For making this possibility available to students of Russian!"

Janneke van de Stadt, Williams College

"Thank you so much for doing this once again!"

Olga Kagan, the University of California, Los Angeles

"Thank you very much for coordinating this award! It means so much to the students and everyone in the profession!"

Colleen Lucey, the University of Arizona

“Thank you, as always, for coordinating this program, Alla. Especially for the frequent reminders, even on the last day!” Larry McLellan, the University of California at Santa Barbara

“And thanks again for running the award program, it's a great program.”
Thomas Dollack, Wheaton College

“Thanks so much for organizing this wonderful award -- we so appreciate it!”
Andrea Lenoux, Connecticut College

SPECIAL THANK YOU

to John Schillinger, Chair, CCPCR (Committee on College and Pre-College Russian)
to Yevgeny Dengub, Website Manager and Irina Dubinina, Membership Secretary

FUTURE STEPS:

- continue to reach out to programs that have not participated in the nomination this year

NEW DEVELOPMENT: two-year college programs

“I was pleased to see the announcement for this year’s awards program and disappointed that the awards are limited to Juniors and Seniors. That excludes all community college students, where we have only two years of Russian. Our program at Northern Virginia Community College has Russian on several campuses and numbers that are quite good this year. We support four year college programs by supplying them with a number of students for advanced courses. I think that ACTR is making a mistake by not support this important community of learners. Some fun facts to know and tell: 36% of America’s undergraduates are in community colleges. 49% of America’s college graduates have studied at a community college.”

Jim Bernhardt, ACTR member
Associate Professor

“Because we are a two year community college, our highest level class is second year Russian. Each year we nominate our laureate from one of these students who will be continuing on to a 4-year university to major in Russian.”

Kristina Shmakov, ACTR member
Portland Community College

List of Participants in PSRSLA Program—2018

American University*
Amherst College*
Appalachian State University*
Arizona State University
Barnard College
Binghamton University
Boston University
Bowdoin College

The University of California at San Diego*
The University of Central Florida
The University of Florida
The University of Georgia
The University of Illinois at Chicago
The University of Kansas
The University of Kentucky
The University of Maryland

Brandeis University
 Brigham Young University
 Bryn Mawr College
 Colgate University
Colorado Mesa University*
 Columbia University
 Connecticut College
Dartmouth College*
Defense Language Institute FLC*
 Drew University
 Franklin and Marshall College
 George Mason University
 Georgetown University
 Indiana University
Kenyon College*
 Lafayette College
 Lawrence University
 Lehigh University
 Miami University
 Missouri University of Science and
 Technology
 Mount Holyoke College
 New York University
 Northeastern University
 Northwestern University
 Pennsylvania State University
 Pomona College//Pitzer College
 Portland Community College
 Purdue University
 Rhodes College
 Rutgers University
Smith College*
 Stetson University
 Swarthmore College
 Texas Tech University
 The College of Charleston
 The College of William & Mary
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Arizona
 The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
 The University of California, Los Angeles
 The University of California, Santa Barbara

The University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
 The University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
 The University of Mississippi
 The University of Montana-Missoula
 The University of New Hampshire
 The University of New Haven
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel
 Hill***
 The University of North Texas
 The University of Notre Dame
 The University of Oklahoma
 The University of Pennsylvania
 The University of Pittsburgh
 The University of South Carolina
 The University of Tennessee
 The University of Texas at Austin
 The University of Utah
 The University of Washington
 The University of Wisconsin-Madison
 The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
 Tufts University
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Military Academy
 Yale University
 Virginia Commonwealth University
 Wayne State University
Wellesley College*
 Wesleyan University
 Wheaton College
 West Virginia University
Willamette University*
 Williams College

Summary-2018

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 7 - of them participated for the first time
 11 - **2017 participants did not respond**
 2 - **2017-participant did not
 nominate any student this year**

*** first time participants**