

The Douglas Bruce Cannabis Justice Award

Submissions Due May 1

The Cannabis Studies Program at DePaul University is proud to invite submissions for the Douglas Bruce Cannabis Justice Award in honor of the late Dr. Douglas Bruce (1963–2024), Professor of Health Sciences, and founding faculty member of the Cannabis Studies Program. In the spirit of Dr. Bruce’s legacy, this award aims to recognize a DePaul undergraduate student for their distinguished scholarly or creative work relevant to the broad topic of cannabis, with an emphasis on social justice and equity. **The student with the winning submission receives a \$500 scholarship and an engraved plaque.**

Submit at the QR code or at
<https://bit.ly/douglasbruceaward>



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Award and Submission Information

Award Details

- One award is granted to the winning submission.
- The student with the winning submission receives a \$500 scholarship and an engraved plaque.
- The winner will be recognized at a Cannabis Studies Program event held on June 4.

Submission Requirements

- Submissions should focus on an issue relevant to cannabis from any disciplinary lens, including but not limited to history, health sciences, psychology, sociology, business, and public policy. The topic should engage the theme of social justice or social equity.
- All forms of scholarly or creative works are accepted, including essays, research papers, films, and fine arts. Visual fine arts submissions should be accompanied by a 1-2 paragraph abstract explaining the meaning of the piece and its relevance to the award.
- The submission may be an assignment completed for a class, or a project completed outside of class.
- Generative AI use is permitted, but applicants must disclose any such use.
- One submission per student is permitted.

Review Criteria

- Quality, depth, and creativity of the work
- Applicability and relevance to cannabis
- Social equity or social justice theme included
- Strength of the argument (if applicable)
- Research basis (if applicable)
- Disclosed use of generative AI (if applicable)

Eligibility

- All DePaul undergraduate students are eligible for this award.

Deadline

- Submissions received by 11:59pm on May 1, 2026, will be considered.

How to Submit

- For anonymous review, please omit or redact your name or other identifying information from the product you submit.
- Submit your project and answer a few brief questions at this link: <https://bit.ly/douglasbruceaward>
- You may upload your submission or provide a link to access it in the form.

Questions?

- Please contact the Cannabis Studies Program at cannabis@depaul.edu.



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