

Robert J. Glushko Dissertation Prizes

The **Cognitive Science Society** and the **Glushko-Samuelson Foundation** will award up to five outstanding dissertation prizes in cognitive science each year. The goals of these prizes are to increase the prominence of cognitive science, and encourage students to engage in interdisciplinary efforts to understand minds and intelligent systems. The hope is that the prizes will recognize and honor young researchers conducting ground-breaking research in cognitive science. The eventual goal is to aid in efforts to bridge between the areas of cognitive science and create theories of general interest to the multiple fields concerned with scientifically understanding the nature of minds and intelligent systems. Promoting a unified cognitive science is consistent with the belief that understanding how minds work will require the synthesis of many different empirical methods, formal tools, and analytic theories. 2011 was the inaugural year of this prize, and a new competition is held annually.

Robert J. Glushko Dissertation Prize Recipients

The 2012 recipients of the Robert J. Glushko Prizes for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertations / theses in Cognitive Science are:

Dr. Timothy F. Brady - 2011 PhD thesis "Structured Representations in Visual Working Memory"
Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dr. Jennifer L. Culbertson - 2010 PhD thesis "Learning Biases, Regularization, and the Emergence of Typological Universals in Syntax"
Department of Cognitive Science, Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Nazbanou Nozari - 2011 PhD thesis "Is Comprehension Necessary for Error Detection? A Conflict-based Account of Monitoring in Speech Production"
Department of Psychology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dr. Steven T. Piantadosi - 2011 PhD thesis "Learning and the language of thought"
Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dr. Rachel Wu - 2011 PhD thesis "Learning (to Learn) from Spatial Attention Cues During Infancy"
Birkbeck, University of London

NSF Funded Joint Conference Grant & Research Fellowships

In association with the Cognitive Science Society, the US National Science Foundation has funded eight conference grants/research fellowships to US citizens who are enrolled as students at a US institution. The funds support students both to attend the 34th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci2012) and to participate in a collaborative research project with a sponsoring institution in Japan. The awardees are:

Deanne Adams, David Braithwaite, Heather Burte, Seth Frey, Drew Hendrickson, Laura Morett, Cybelle Smith and Richard Veale.