

UC SANTA BARBARA

History of Art & Architecture

Fall 2025 News & Awards

Celebrating our 2024-25 Departmental Student Award Recipients

Chairperson's Award

Robyn Epstein / Kristin Yinger

The Excellence in Writing Award *for outstanding essay writing*

Miles Trachtenberg (Welter, 186SV) / Elizabeth Gilbert (Moser, 186B)

The Research Promise Award *for the best essays or research study projects*

Elizabeth Gilbert (Moser, 186B) / Ileana Zuckerman (Moser, 186B)

Best Honors Thesis *for highest scholarly Honors Thesis achievement*

Alessandra Wajsman

Academic Excellence Award *for the highest GPA in the major*

Ryann Elizabeth Nelson

Museum Professional Promise Award *To recognize students who have completed exceptional external internships*

Carys Matthews / Camila Enriquez / Kylie Hamuel / Kiely Molina

Material / Image Research Lab Service Award *for excellent internship work in MIRL*

Izzy Devlin

Art, Design & Architecture Museum Service Award *for excellent internship work in the AD&A Museum*

Alessandra Lapiana Wasjman / Miguel Ortiz-Garcia

Best Dissertation Award

Ali Derafshi

Recognition for Participating in the Honors Program *for successful Honors*

Program involvement

Izzy Devlin / Catelyn Rollins / Talia Smith / Alessandra Wajsman / Ileana Zuckerman