Lambda Alpha

Lambda Alpha is the National Collegiate honors Society for Anthropology. The name, Lambda Alpha, comes from the initial letters of the Greek words *logos anthropou*, meaning the ‘study of man’. The society was originally founded with the purpose of encouraging scholarship and research in anthropology. Saint Louis University was awarded a chapter (Eta of Missouri) of Lambda Alpha in 2013 with its first induction of graduates in May of that year.

The organization serves to recognize superiority, providing incentive for exceptional performance by granting certificates of accomplishment. The organization also offers an annual scholarship of $5000 to a deserving graduating senior majoring in anthropology. In addition, a Graduate Research Grant is designed to encourage overseas thesis research. The award is variable, ranging from $2000 to $6000. Only applicants from chartered departments qualify to compete for these awards.

Lambda Alpha also publishes the *Lambda Alpha Journal*, which reserves half of its space for student publications that have passed a peer review process. This provides an excellent opportunity for students to have their own work published on a national level.

The requirements for admission at Saint Louis University are as follows:

- Any graduate student, junior undergraduate student (a third year student by standards of Saint Louis University), or senior undergraduate student, who has officially declared a major in anthropology, may be elected to membership.
- Undergraduates must be currently enrolled and have completed not less than twelve (12) semester hours in academic anthropology.
- Undergraduates must have at least a 3.2 overall GPA and at least a 3.6 GPA in their anthropology courses.

Upon admission to the society, students are offered an opportunity to purchase a satin Lambda Alpha honor stole and/or a cloisonné pin that may be worn with your graduation gown.

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