

EXCELLENCE THROUGH COMMITMENT AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award

The annual **Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award** is intended to recognize graduate students campus-wide whose achievements in research are particularly noteworthy. Nominations must come from a University faculty member. The award recipient will receive a \$1000 stipend and a framed certificate.

1. Eligibility

The **Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award** is given to a currently-enrolled graduate student for a **specific achievement or related suite of achievements** that have a broad impact, have been recognized by peers, represent innovations in research/scholarly/creative endeavors, and were made during the nominee's course of study as a graduate student at SIUC. Scholarly/creative/research achievements might take the form of writings that add to the body of knowledge in an individual discipline; exhibits or performances; patents; business activities; interdisciplinary activity; etc. They need not be products or efforts supported by external funding, although they can be. A completed thesis or dissertation is not an eligible accomplishment, but instead should be nominated for the University Outstanding Thesis or Dissertation competition, as appropriate.

Graduate students may **not** be nominated again once they have won the award.

2. Nomination Process

Nominations for the Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award must be made by SIUC faculty. A detailed statement of the nature and importance of the nominee's achievement(s) must accompany the nomination, as well as the supporting material described below.

3. Nomination Packet Must Include:

- Letter of nomination from a "sponsor" for the individual nominated (no more than four type-written pages in length). The "sponsor" will assume the coordination role for assembling the package of materials described.
- The nominee's curriculum vitae (prepared in the standardized SIUC format) and not to include exhibits or supporting information. The burden of making the case for excellence lies with the letters and the professional history of the nominee.
- Referee letters: Supporting letters from up to six (6) referees, no more than two type-written pages in length. Although reviewers external to SIUC are not required, one or more of such letters will generally provide evidence of the broader disciplinary implications of the achievements.
- Nominees should include (a) a statement of their **research philosophy** and (b) an assessment of the **broader significance** of their research in 300 words or less.

4. Review and Selection Process

Nomination packets will be reviewed by a committee established by ORDA and the Graduate School, and the Awardee will be selected by that committee. Awards will be presented by the Chancellor or his representative, and representatives from the Alumni Association.

Submit nomination packets electronically to orda@siu.edu or on CD to Research Development and Administration, Woody Hall C-206, Mailcode 4709. Due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2010.