

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Awards. Funding for these awards is made possible by the Graduate School and generous donations to the WSU Foundation from the Dora Wallace Hodgson estate.

Graduate School Outstanding Master's Thesis Award (\$1,000)

-due first Monday in October

Graduate School Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award (\$1,000)

-due first Monday in February

Dora Wallace Hodgson Outstanding Master's-level Student Awards (\$1,000)

-due first Monday in February

Dora Wallace Hodgson Outstanding Doctoral-level Student Awards (\$1,000)

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Eligibility: Students must be nominated by a faculty member and approved by their graduate coordinator or department chair, and the dean of their college.

Specific eligibility requirements for each award are noted on the attached sheet(s). Please note that each program may nominate no more than two students for each of the awards, and that these fellowships do not entitle students to in-state tuition rates.

Nomination procedures:

1. The nominator should complete a cover sheet (attached) for each nomination.
2. All applications should include an evaluative statement from the nominator and the signatures requested on the cover sheet.
3. All applications should include the student's current resume/vita.
4. Some awards require supporting materials. Refer to the specific criteria on the next sheet.

Recognition: Winners of the Outstanding Graduate Student Awards will receive a certificate at the GRASP Symposium held in the spring.

Review procedure: Nominations will be reviewed by the Graduate School Awards Committee consisting of senior graduate faculty members and the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School.

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Nomination Cover Sheet

Please return by the first Monday in February, to the Graduate School, Campus Box 4
**except for the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award which is due the first Monday of October.*

Name of the Candidate: _____ *myWSU ID* _____

Nominated by: _____

Award: (Check one)

- Graduate School Outstanding Master's Thesis Award *
- Graduate School Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award
- Dora Wallace Hodgson Outstanding Master's-level Student Award
- Dora Wallace Hodgson Outstanding Doctoral-level Student Award

Rationale. The nominator should attach a separate sheet indicating why this candidate should receive an Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Please describe as well any significant achievements or qualifications as they pertain to the criteria for this award. The quality of any type of final project, such as thesis, paper, performance, portfolio, demonstration, etc., should be considered.

Résumé. A current curriculum vitae is required.

Supporting Materials. Please list here any supporting materials that are a part of this nomination, such as letters of support, awards, thesis, or dissertation. Please do not include copies of publications. Note that the thesis, dissertation, or final project (if applicable) should be submitted as an electronic copy, either on CD or via email to the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School.

Signatures:

Nominating Faculty Member: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair or
Graduate Coordinator: _____ Date: _____

College Dean: _____ Date: _____

Specific Criteria:

The Graduate School Outstanding Master's Thesis Award Description:

Awarded to a master-level graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding research qualities as reflected in their Master's thesis. This award is made in the *fall* so that the successful thesis can be submitted as WSU's entry in the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) outstanding thesis competition.

Eligibility (in addition to eligibility requirements stated on cover page): Completed thesis at WSU within the past academic year. Nominations must include an electronic copy of the thesis (on disk or via email) and an abstract, not to exceed 300 words, describing the research **and its significance**.

The Graduate School Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award Description:

Awarded to a doctoral-level graduate student who has completed an outstanding dissertation. The successful dissertation will be submitted as WSU's entry in the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) distinguished dissertation competition if it is in the correct field of study for that year's competition.

Eligibility (in addition to eligibility requirements stated on cover page): Completed doctoral dissertation at WSU within the past academic year. Nominations must include an electronic copy of the dissertation (on disk or via email), and an abstract, not to exceed 300 words, describing the research **and its significance**. (Note: The winner of this award, if the dissertation is to be submitted to Council of Graduate Schools, will be asked to write a more extensive abstract not to exceed 10 pages).

The Dora Wallace Hodgson Outstanding Master's-level Student Award and Outstanding Doctoral-level Student Award Description:

Awarded to graduate students (two awards at the master's level, and three awards at the doctoral level) who exhibit outstanding research qualities in their program of study.

Eligibility (in addition to eligibility requirements stated on cover page):

- 1) Any full- or part-time degree-bound graduate student may be considered.
- 2) Must be in good academic standing in a degree-bound graduate program.
- 3) Must be currently enrolled at WSU.