



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
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2017 Graduate Research Assistant of the Year Award

Sponsored by
Graduate Student Association and The Graduate School
Deadline: March 13, 2017

The Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) of the Year Award recognizes two outstanding GRAs (Master's and Doctoral) who have contributed significantly to the growth of MSU through their exemplary leadership abilities and outstanding research. A monetary award and a commemorative plaque will be presented to the winners at the annual Graduate Student Association Awards Banquet on March 30, 2017. Past recipients of the Graduate Research Assistant of the Year Award will not be eligible for re-nomination until three years have lapsed.

Criteria for Nomination

Must be a current graduate student holding the title of Graduate Research Assistant for the Summer 2016, Fall 2016 and/or Spring 2017 term(s)

Must have an exceptional reputation as an outstanding researcher as determined by graduate faculty in the discipline.

Nomination Guidelines

Completed nomination packet must be submitted to the Office of the Graduate School by 5:00 pm on March 13, 2017. (Nomination packets will not be accepted after the deadline).

Department heads should be responsible for nominating only one GRA each (Master's and Doctoral) from their department

Content of Nomination Packet (Checklist)

- Nomination Form
- Letter of support from the department head
- Letter of acceptance of the nomination from the nominee
- Nominee's resume or curriculum vitae
- Other supporting documents

All nominees and nominators should plan to attend the GSA Awards Banquet on March 30, 2017 at 5:30 pm., The Mize Pavilion at the Hump.



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Nomination Form

Nominee: _____ Net ID: _____

Nominee's Degree/Major: _____

Nominee's Advisor: _____

Nominator (*Must be MSU Faculty*): _____

1. How long have you had the opportunity to observe the nominee as a graduate research assistant?

2. Rate the nominee's qualifications as a Research Assistant

5 = Excellent; 4 = Good; 3 = average; 2 = Fair; 1 = Poor; N/A = No Basis for Judgment

_____ Knowledge of discipline

_____ Ability to communicate research

_____ Research skill

_____ Work ethic

_____ Attitude

_____ Research integrity

_____ Other _____

3. What distinguishes the nominee from other RAs such that he/she should receive this year's Research Assistant of the Year Award? Please attach a separate sheet with your comments.

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____