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## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

### **2018 Graduate Research Assistant of the Year Award**

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**Graduate Student Association and The Graduate School**  
**Deadline: March 12, 2018**

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 April 9, 2018. 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 2017, Fall 2017 and/or Spring 2018 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 12, 2018. (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 April 9, 2018 at 5:30 pm., The Mill Conference Center, Russell Street.**



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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?

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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: \_\_\_\_\_