

Indiana State University
College of Graduate and Professional Studies
Graduate Awards
(revised 1/22/18)

Nomination Process and Procedures

The nomination process is open. Faculty, staff, and students may nominate an individual. Self-nominations are also welcome. The nomination materials should include a cover letter prepared by the nominator outlining qualifications, the student's curriculum vitae, and copies of relevant evidence of accomplishments (e.g. the title page of published articles, abstracts, news articles, letter of support from community partner, reports, etc.). The nominators are responsible for coordinating the application process and nominations packets should be limited as follows: 1 page nomination letter *noting which award you are nominating the student for* (if nominator is not a faculty member, include a second letter of support from a faculty member), 1-2 page CV, up to 3 pages of supplemental evidence. Nomination materials should be representative of work completed at ISU, not necessarily comprehensive.

Selection Process

Nominations should be submitted to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies no later than the third Monday in February. The Graduate Council's sub-committee on Student Affairs will review all nominations and forward a list of recipients to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. The awardees will be notified no later than the Friday prior to Spring Break.

General Eligibility Criteria

Students who have been actively enrolled and who have completed at least 1 semester at ISU are eligible for the award. A student may be nominated for either the CBRPS or the R&C award but not both. Nominees for the CBRPS and R&C award may also be nominated for the Ethos Award. Awardees will be assessed based on work and activities completed while in residence with ISU.

Community-Based Research and Problem Solving (CBRPS)

The CBRPS is intended to recognize outstanding graduate student contributions in the area of community engagement and applied research. This award is intended to recognize work in those fields for which **community engagement, clinical practices, and/or action research** are essential, but all students are eligible. One award may be made per degree level annually (Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral) with additional awards not to exceed a total four (4) overall or two (2) per degree level at the discretion of the committee. Hence, the maximum number of awardees will not exceed four (4) per academic year. The committee may or may not make awards annually at each degree level depending on the strength of the nominee pool. In addition to the general eligibility criteria above, all nominees are required to have participated **or will agree to participate** in the ISU research showcase known as the "Exposium: A Celebration of Student Research & Creativity".

Nominees must have met **one or more of the following criteria** *with evidence of community-based research or problem solving* to be a recipient:

- evidence of significant engagement with a community-based organization(s) (e.g., Ryves Neighborhood association)
- one or more published (or accepted) peer-reviewed journal articles as sole or co-author; one or more solo shows or public performances of his or her creative work at an appropriate professional venue at the regional, national, or international level;
- one or more published creative works in an appropriate professional/disciplinary venue;
- one or more externally funded grant projects or contracts as PI or Co-PI;
- one or more papers published in a proceedings volume
- multiple examples of high quality published public scholarship (not necessarily peer reviewed);
- evidence of one or more outstanding and unique research or creative contributions to his/her discipline consistent with the practices of the profession or discipline.

Awardees will be selected based upon the strength of the nomination letter, eligibility, and quality of the community-based interactions.

Research & Creativity (R&C)

The Research & Creativity Award is intended to recognize those students who have **evidenced significant contributions** to their field and/or discipline. One award may be made per degree level annually (Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral) with additional awards not to exceed a total four (4) overall, or two (2) per degree level, at the discretion of the committee. Hence, the maximum number of awardees will not exceed four (4) per academic year. The committee may or may not make awards annually at each degree level depending on the strength of the nominee pool. In addition to the general eligibility criteria above, all nominees are required to have participated **or will agree to participate** in the ISU research showcase known as the "Exposium: A Celebration of Student Research & Creativity".

Nominees must have met **one or more of the following criteria** to be a recipient:

- one or more published (or accepted) peer reviewed journal articles as sole or co-author;
- one or more solo shows or public performances of his or her creative work at an appropriate professional venue at the regional, national, or international level;
- one or more published creative works in an appropriate professional/disciplinary venue;
- one or more externally funded grant projects or contracts as PI or Co-PI;
- one or more juried awards for their creative or research contributions;
- one or more papers published in a proceedings volume
- multiple examples of high-quality, published public scholarship (not necessarily peer reviewed);
- evidence of one or more outstanding and unique research or creative contributions to his/her discipline consistent with the practices of the profession or discipline.

Ethos Award

The Ethos Award is intended to recognize high-quality and balanced contributions (e.g., teaching, service, clinical service, scholarship) that embody the university mission and values of graduate education at ISU. These students have arguably **served as the standard for excellence** within a given degree program. A maximum of one award may be made per degree level (Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral). The committee may or may not make awards annually at each degree level depending on the strength of the nominee pool.