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Outstanding Graduate Assistants

An Annual Recognition Program

Academic departments will be able to recognize and honor high achieving graduate assistants who most reflect the values of their academic programs and ISU's mission. Outstanding Graduate Assistants will have demonstrated the capacity to balance the challenges of an assistantship with the rigors of a graduate program by maintaining the highest standards of academic performance.

Selection

The recognition program relies solely on faculty nomination and selection at the department level. Faculty nominators will be solely responsible for advancing the case of an individual nominee. Ultimately though, the selection process will be determined by individual departments. Each year each academic department will select one (1) recipient per graduate degree level (masters, Ed.S., and Ph.D/Psy.D/M.F.A). As a result, no department may select more than three recipients (See Appendix A).

Eligibility

All graduate students with an active assistantship (within or outside of an individual academic department) during the academic year (fall, spring or fall-spring) are eligible to be nominated and selected. Students with any CGPS recognized assistantship are eligible.¹ Consequently, the location of (on or off campus) and type of appointment (administrative, academic, or professional) does not limit eligibility.

Timeline

The College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CGPS) will initiate the intra-departmental nominating process on or about February 15. Academic departments will forward the names of recipients to CGPS no later than March 15. A celebration breakfast will be scheduled in April.

¹ Graduate assistantships will be defined as any student on traditional "GA" appointment and/or compensated professional experience associated with an approved third party accompanied by a tuition waiver.

Appendix A²

Departments	Maximum Awards
Art	2
AETM	1
AMR	2
Biology	2
Built Environment	1
CDCSEP	3
CIMT	2
Communication	1
CoT-PhD	1
Criminology & Criminal Justice	1
ECET	1
EES (ENVI)	2
ELAF	3
Elementary & Special Education	2
English	1
Health Sciences	2
History	1
HRDPT	1
KRS	1
LLL	1
MACS	1
MBA	1
Music	1
Nursing	1
Political Science	1
Psychology	2
Social Work	1

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² In addition to academic departments, “home” college Deans may nominate up to one outstanding graduate assistant per year in consultation with CGPS. Additional awardees may be selected at the discretion of the CGPS Dean not to exceed 2 per year.