

NOMINATION FORM

Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship

This award recognizes graduate students who have exhibited exceptional, ongoing performance in research and scholarship. Instead of focusing on GPA, extra-curricular activities, or a specific project, this award will recognize a graduate student who has publications or juried presentations and would be actively involved in extending an original research agenda or scholarly/creative plan. It is expected that the award would only be made if there are viable recipients. At most 3 graduate students will receive this award per year. Awards for excellence will be considered for qualitative research, quantitative research, and creative research. Students recognized for this award will present their research/creative activities at the annual Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium. Each presentation will be podium format and 30 minutes.

Application Criteria

The application deadline is March 16, 2009. The award is for either a Master's or Doctoral level student as nominated by faculty. Eligible applicants must not have received this award in the past. Requirements for the application process:

1 - Record of research using University format. The university vita format can be found at <http://www.twu.edu/gradschool/forms.asp> at the very bottom of page-- Format for Vita for Graduate Faculty Membership.

2 - Student narrative explaining why contribution to field is original and important; this would include examples from vita as well as explanation of collaborative endeavors. The student narrative should be no longer than 2 pages, double spaced, 11 or 12 point font, and with one inch margins.

3 – Letters of support from at least a faculty sponsor/advisor and one member of the student's advisory committee. No more than 3 letters of support should be included. The faculty advisor should include a narrative specifying the significance of the student's research within their field of study. Letters of support should be no longer than 2 pages, double spaced, 11 or 12 point font, and with one inch margins.

4. Application should specify in which area to be considered (quantitative/ qualitative/ creative research)

Evaluation criterion is based on the rubric located below. It is assumed that winning students will attain 9-10 points on each of the rubric criteria below.

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Semester _____ Date _____ Student _____ Program _____
 Faculty Letters from _____ and _____

Criterion	Developing 1 – 3	Satisfactory 4 – 6	Excellent 7 – 8	Outstanding 9 – 10
Vita or Resume to include: Listing of relevant creative/research activities Publications (refereed) Presentations (National, and International greater weight than State) National juried activities	1 - - - - 2 - - - - 3 Areas not addressed	4 - - - - 5 - - - - 6 Some areas addressed	7 - - - - 8 Most areas addressed	9 - - - - 10 All areas addressed
Student Narrative Presentation Grammar/Style Originality and importance Student 's role Student contribution Implications of project	1 - - - - 2 - - - - 3 Areas not addressed	4 - - - - 5 - - - - 6 Some areas addressed	7 - - - - 8 Most areas addressed	9 - - - - 10 All areas addressed
Faculty Support/Letters Evidence of student's contribution Evidence of student's independence	1 - - - - 2 - - - - 3 Areas not addressed	4 - - - - 5 - - - - 6 Some areas addressed	7 - - - - 8 Most areas addressed	9 - - - - 10 All areas addressed
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