COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES
OUTSTANDING MASTER’S STUDENT AWARD
GUIDELINES

Purpose:

The Health and Human Sciences Outstanding Masters Graduate Student Award was developed to annually recognize the outstanding Masters student within the College based on research excellence. An annual award of $500 will be presented to a student who has exhibited outstanding ability in scholarly activities, service to his/her department and to the College, and promise for a productive career in his/her field. The award will be presented to the student at the HHS spring faculty meeting.

Criteria:

1. Only activities completed by the student while a graduate student at Purdue University will be given major consideration in evaluating nominations. Evidence of excellence of work completed elsewhere will be considered supportive of the student’s nomination.

2. Criteria of particular significance in evaluating nominations will include evidence of:
   a. imagination, originality, and intellectual curiosity as demonstrated by identification, design, and conduct of the student’s research problem, course of study, and other scholarly activities;
   b. a research project in which the student has been involved, such as a thesis or manuscript prepared for evaluation by an appropriate, refereed journal;
   c. other activities in support of the program and department of which the student is a part, teaching, engagement, involvement in professional organizations and prior research experience will be taken into consideration.

3. At the time of nomination, the student must be enrolled as a masters student (with approved plan of study) under the direction of a faculty member in one of the units of the College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University and graduated or graduating December 2016, May or August 2017.

Procedure:

1. Nominations due to unit graduate program director by Feb 21.

2. Nominations shall include:
   a. a letter of nomination from the major professor (or departmental representative) of the student indicating justification of the nomination and a statement setting forth the significance of the efforts upon which the nomination is based; (limit 2 pages) The nomination letter should be first in the packet to be submitted.
   b. the student's vita, graduate school transcript and Master’s plan of study, a summary of professional activities, presentations, grant writing activity, evidence of leadership, and any reprints of other publications from the student’s work, teaching evaluations if the nominee taught a course while at Purdue;
   c. a summary of the student’s research project and its significance, professional goals and aspirations for the future, written by the student (limit 2 pages).