

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY™

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate Dean's Award for Research Excellence

Purpose: To reward graduate students for excellence for a particular research project, culminating in the submission of a completed thesis/dissertation, germane to their program of study. The term “research” is used in its broadest sense.

Award: the Graduate School will make two \$250 cash awards. One award will be made at the end of the fall semester, and one during winter semester. An appropriate plaque of recognition will be presented to the winners during the Graduate Research Fair Awards Ceremony in March.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a currently enrolled EMU graduate student in the final stages of completing his/her thesis/dissertation and degree or a recent graduate (within one year) having a completed thesis/dissertation. Students from all academic disciplines are encouraged to apply.

The student must be:

- in good academic standing
- show superior initiative/effort with his/her scholarly work
- be either a part-time or full-time student

Application Procedure: Complete the award application, a draft or final copy of the thesis/dissertation and submit them to the Graduate School, 200 Boone Hall on or before November 15 for a fall award or March 1 for a winter award.

Submit at least two letters of recommendation from EMU faculty familiar with the thesis/dissertation. These letters should specifically address the quality of the student's research, its originality, and potential contribution to the field of study.

Describe your research in understandable terms for the general public. Use no more than two word-processed pages. The following information should be included:

- statement of research/project objectives
- procedural steps/methodology
- outcomes or findings

One thesis may be selected to be sent to the Midwestern Association of Graduate School's Annual Thesis Competition. This competition carries with it a monetary award for the national winners.

Approval: A review committee will comprise no fewer than five graduate advisors, one from each college. They will meet, review applications, and make final recommendations to the Graduate Dean, who will make the final selection. Winners will be notified of the results by letter prior to the end of the fall or winter semesters.

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Application for: _____ Fall or _____ Winter Year _____

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

EMU Student # _____

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Phone (home) (_____) _____ Phone (cell) (_____) _____

Graduate Program of Study _____

Thesis/Dissertation Committee Chair _____

Number of EMU graduate hours completed _____ Graduate GPA _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Describe your research in understandable terms for the general public. Use no more than two word-processed pages. The following information should be included:

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Attach at least two letters of support from EMU faculty members familiar with your research. These letters should specifically address the research in which you are/were involved, its quality, originality, and contributions to your field of study.

Applicant Signature

Date

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Committee recommendations:

Final Committee Ranking: _____ of _____ applicants

Signed _____ Date _____

Graduate Dean's Recommendation:

Signed _____ Date _____