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Outstanding Dissertation

The Award for the Outstanding Dissertation recognizes doctoral students for excellence in the dissertation. The focus of this award is on the quality and contribution of the student's dissertation. Excellence of the dissertation may be demonstrated by evidences such as, but not limited to: publications in refereed journals, awards and recognitions from professional organizations, and praise from faculty members and other colleagues in the field.

Eligibility

- Graduated from a UCF doctoral program in the immediately past spring, summer or fall term
- Completed the dissertation within the past year (i.e., spring 2015, summer 2015 or fall 2015)

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Application Requirements

- An electronic one-page nomination letter from a faculty member that discusses the dissertation research of the nominee with particular attention paid to the content and quality of the dissertation. This letter should address the strength of the dissertation and its contributions to the field.
- An electronic copy of the student's completed and approved dissertation.
- An electronic copy of the student's complete curriculum vita, highlighting any publication and/or recognition of the dissertation.
- A brief electronic (no more than one page) statement regarding the student's experience in conducting the dissertation, his/her interpretation of the significance of the work, and how he/she benefited from the dissertation experience.
- Electronic copies of papers authored or co-authored by the student based on the dissertation

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Outstanding Master's Thesis

The Award for the Outstanding Master's Thesis recognizes graduate students for excellence in the master's thesis. The focus of this award is on the quality and contribution of the student's thesis research. Excellence of the master's thesis may be demonstrated by evidences such as (but not limited to): publications in refereed journals, awards and recognitions from professional organizations, and praise from faculty members and other colleagues in the field.

Eligibility

- Graduated from a UCF master's program in the immediately past spring, summer, or fall term
- Completed the master's thesis within the past year (i.e., spring 2015, summer 2015 or fall 2015)

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Application Requirements

- An electronic one-page nomination letter from the chair of the department or a faculty member that discusses the thesis research of the nominee, with particular attention paid to the content and quality of the master's thesis. This letter should address the strengths of the thesis and its contributions to the field.
- An electronic copy of the student's completed and approved thesis.
- An electronic copy of the student's complete curriculum vita, highlighting any publication and/or recognition of the thesis.
- A brief electronic (no more than one page) statement regarding the student's experience in conducting the thesis, his/her interpretation of the significance of the work, and how he/she benefited from the thesis experience.
- Electronic copies of papers authored or co-authored by the student based on the thesis.

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Award for Excellence by a Graduate Teaching Assistant

The Award for Graduate Teaching Assistant recognizes excellence by graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) who are not instructors of record, but who provide teaching support and assistance under the direction of a lead teacher. This award focuses on the extent and quality of the assistance provided by the student to the lead instructor and the students in the class. Excellence in serving as a GTA may be demonstrated by evidences such as (but not limited to): lead teacher evaluations, student letters attesting to teaching excellence (limited to no more than five pages), a typical lab syllabus, a sample project/assignment for which the GTA was responsible for grading.

Eligibility

- Currently enrolled in a UCF master's or doctoral program or graduated from a UCF master's or doctoral program in the immediately past spring, summer or fall term (2014)
- Served as a GTA under the direction of a lead teacher at UCF (and not as the instructor of record) within the past year (i.e., spring 2015, summer 2015 or fall 2015)

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Application Requirements

- An electronic one-page nomination letter from the chair of the department or a faculty member that discusses the teaching of the nominee, with particular attention paid to the nominee's contribution to the teaching of the department. This letter should address the strengths of the student, stressing how the nominee stands out within the departmental context.
- An electronic copy of the student's complete curriculum vita, highlighting the student's teaching assignments and accomplishments.
- A brief electronic (no more than one page) statement of the student's teaching philosophy.
- Electronic copies of syllabi for all courses for which the student served as a GTA.
- Electronic copies of summaries of all teaching evaluations. NOTE: This can include GTA Assessments, SPI's, or any form of teaching evaluation the student receives.

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Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching

The Award for Graduate Student Teaching recognizes excellence in teaching by graduate teaching assistants who serve as instructors of record and have independent classroom responsibilities. The focus of this award is on the quality of the student's teaching and the academic contributions of those activities. Excellence in teaching may be demonstrated by evidences such as (but not limited to): awards or honors received in recognition of teaching excellence, outstanding evaluations of teaching, presentations or publications related to teaching, comments and/or evaluations from students or faculty regarding the outstanding nature of the student's teaching.

Eligibility

- Currently enrolled in a UCF master's or doctoral program or graduated from a UCF master's or doctoral program in the immediately past spring, summer or fall term (2014)
- Served as a GTA instructor of record for at least one class at UCF within the past year (i.e., spring 2015, summer 2015, or fall 2015)

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Application Requirements

- An electronic one-page nomination letter from the chair of the department or a faculty member that discusses the teaching of the nominee, with particular attention paid to the nominee's contribution to the teaching of the department. This letter should address the strengths of the student, stressing how the nominee stands out within the departmental context.
- An electronic copy of the student's complete curriculum vita, highlighting the student's teaching accomplishments and contributions to the development of academic programs, courses, and teaching materials.
- A brief electronic (no more than one page) statement of the student's teaching philosophy.
- Electronic copies of syllabi for all courses taught.
- Electronic copies of summaries of all teaching evaluations. NOTE: This can include GTA Assessments, SPI's, or any form of teaching evaluation the student receives.
- Electronic copies of noteworthy teaching-related papers authored or co-authored by the student or other appropriate documentation of the student's teaching.

