

5th Annual Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

The Office of the Provost and the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the **Outstanding Graduate Student Awards**. The Outstanding Graduate Student Awards are presented each year to recognize the many contributions our graduate students make to the University and the surrounding communities. We invite you to nominate exceptional graduate students who have distinguished themselves among their peers. Nominations are open for students performing noteworthy research, graduate students who excel in the class room, and students who bring esteem to the University through their efforts in experiential education, community service, or civic duty. Please visit www.gpsa.neu.edu/gradawards for our easy, online nomination form. The award winners will each receive a certificate and a \$1,000 prize.

Nomination Process:

Once each nomination, whether a self-nomination or one submitted by an outside party, is submitted online at www.gpsa.neu.edu/gradawards, candidates will receive an email from the GPSA notifying them that they have been nominated. At that point, nominees should begin to prepare a portfolio of supporting materials (listed on our website as well as included in the email) that they will deliver to the Graduate Studies Division of the Office of the Provost, which is in 206 Ell Hall. **The deadline for nominations to be submitted to the GPSA website is January 15, 2010.** Complete information about these awards, along with a timeline for all submissions, is available at the GPSA website.

Selection:

A committee, consisting of faculty and/or staff members, depending on the award, and chaired by the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, will select the awardees in each category.

Qualifications:

All candidates must have:

For the research award:

1. Demonstrated ability to conduct original research at Northeastern University.
2. Demonstrated evidence of scholarly contributions to the literature.
3. Demonstrated research effectiveness in a manner that substantially exceeds the normal expectations for a graduate student.

For the community service award:

1. Demonstrated initiative (voluntary or compensated) to benefit Northeastern University and the community.

2. Demonstrated evidence of service to the college, university or external community.
3. Demonstrated contributions to our community in a manner that substantially exceeds the normal expectations for a graduate student.

For the practice oriented education award:

1. Demonstrated ability to integrate the classroom learning at Northeastern University with professional experience (co-op, practicum, or internship).
2. Demonstrated ability to integrate the professional experience into classroom learning at Northeastern University.
3. Demonstrated professional effectiveness in a manner that substantially exceeds the normal expectations for a graduate student.

For the Teaching awards:

1. Demonstrated excellence in teaching at Northeastern University.
2. Demonstrated ability to motivate students inside the classroom at Northeastern University.
3. Demonstrated teaching effectiveness in a manner that substantially exceeds the normal expectations for a graduate student.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Mary Robbins at the Office of the Provost: M.Robbins@neu.edu or 617-373-7106 or Lauren Nicoll at the GPSA: http://www.gpsa.neu.edu/contact_us.php