

UW OSHKOSH DISTINGUISHED MASTER'S RESEARCH AWARD 2015 Competition Guidelines

The UW Oshkosh Distinguished Master's Research Award was created to recognize and reward distinguished scholarship and research at the master's level.

ELIGIBILITY

Graduate students must have successfully defended their thesis, clinical paper, or field project, submitted it for faculty committee approval, had the formatting approved by the Office of Graduate Studies, and officially graduated in summer 2013, fall 2013, or spring 2014. The manuscript must be in a format that conforms to the accepted disciplinary standards, and it must have been accepted as final by the program and the Office of Graduate Studies. Students may only be nominated once.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

A faculty advisor must put forth the nomination of the outstanding thesis or culminating experience manuscript. The selection process within the program is each program's responsibility.

1. Each program can nominate up to two students, total, for the UW Oshkosh Distinguished Master's Research Award competition and/or the MAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Award competition. If nominations for more than two students are received from a program, only the first two will be accepted.
2. The nominee must have been awarded a master's degree during summer 2013, fall 2013, or spring 2014.
3. A complete nomination includes the following items submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies;
 - a. a UW Oshkosh Distinguished Research Nomination Form
 - b. a letter of support from the thesis, clinical paper, or field project advisor
 - c. a copy of the final thesis, clinical paper, or field project abstract
 - d. a one-page resume of the thesis, clinical paper, or field project author's professional background

UW OSHKOSH SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations will be accepted until **September 15, 2014**. A subcommittee of the Graduate Council will review all nominations, and will forward their recommendations to Susan Cramer, Dean of Graduate Studies. One student will be selected to receive the UW Oshkosh Distinguished Master's Research Award. The winner will be invited to the spring 2015 UW Oshkosh Honors & Awards Ceremony and will receive a \$250 honorarium from the Office of Graduate Studies.

MIDWEST ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS (MAGS) SELECTION PROCESS

Two UW Oshkosh Distinguished Master's Research Award semifinalists will be selected each year; one from the **Social Sciences, or Physical Sciences and Engineering**, and one from the **Biological and Life Sciences, and Humanities**. One of the semifinalists will be the 2015 UW Oshkosh Distinguished Master's Research Awardee.

The 2015 UW Oshkosh semifinalist from the **Social Sciences, or Physical Sciences and Engineering** will be submitted to represent UW Oshkosh in the 2015 MAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis competition.

The 2015 UW Oshkosh semifinalist from the **Biological and Life Sciences, or the Humanities** will remain in the running for the 2016 MAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis competition. A second semifinalist will be chosen from the 2016 UW Oshkosh Distinguished Master's Research competition. A subcommittee of the Graduate Council will select one of these two semifinalists to represent UW Oshkosh in the 2016 MAGS Distinguished Thesis Competition.