

Forestry Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Research, Academic Performance,
and Service

March 2008

Purpose:

The award will annually recognize outstanding graduate students within the department and their achievements. Students actively pursue many activities, and their academic, research, and outreach accomplishments are deserving of recognition. Recognition will benefit the student's professional resume, and foster a sense of ambition and excellence within the department.

Eligibility:

The award process will be open to all M.S. and Ph.D. students within the Forestry Department (i.e., any student whose **major** advisor/co-advisor is Forestry faculty). M.S. students should be in their last academic year, and Ph.D. students should be in their last two years. Any student who receives the award may not re-apply in later years, unless the student is pursuing a different graduate degree within the Department. Any student meeting the outlined guidelines for excellence as reviewed by the award committee should be eligible for recognition. This means that during any given year, multiple students could receive the award.

Award:

The award would consist of a plaque placed in a prominent location within the T. P. Cooper Building with new name plates added for each award recipient.

Process:

Applications will be made available at the beginning of the spring semester each year. Three copies of the application and supporting materials are due no later than April 11th. Completed materials should be placed in an envelope with the applicants name on the cover, and given to the Department's Administrative Support Associate (currently Cheryl Kindig Estes), who will forward the materials to an ad hoc selection committee named by the Department Chair each year. The application and all supporting materials are expected to be completed solely by the applicant. The applicant's advisors should have no involvement in the process. The award committee will meet during April and announce the award recipients via personal letters to each selected student. The winners could then be announced at the last Departmental Seminar in the spring, held the first week of May.

Forestry Graduate Student Award of Excellence Application

Name: _____
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Forestry Major/Co-Major Advisor: _____

Master of Science Student PhD Student Department if PhD _____

Graduate GPA only at the University of Kentucky: _____ out of 4.0.

Please attach 3 copies of the following materials in order with this page as a coversheet:

Curriculum Vitae

The applicant's CV will provide the committee with background information pertaining to the student's academic, research, and service activities over the course of the student's entire career. Information for the CV is not limited just to experience at the University of Kentucky and there is no page limit.

Research Experience

The applicant has pursued a variety of research topics with varying degrees of breadth and depth within the department. In this section please limit experiences gained only in the Department of Forestry at the University of Kentucky.

- 1) Conferences, workshops, symposiums
 - Applicants should note whether they also presented
- 2) Presentations
 - May be poster or oral presentations, and may include any venue (departmental seminars, conferences, non-profit organizations, governmental chapters, K-12 schools, etc.)
- 3) Manuscripts
 - Includes scientific and technical papers, chapters, books, etc., which are published, in press, submitted and/or in progress
- 4) Awards and Grants
 - Limited to awards received for research, such as poster awards, fellowships, etc.
 - Grants may include those submitted, even if they grant was not awarded

Service

Please provide a list of various outreach and service activities that the applicant has participated. Teaching experience should be placed into this section because of the level of teaching required of students varies depending on funding sources and availability, specific course(s) taught, student home department (for PhD students), and individual student prioritization of this experience. Other types of service might include volunteering, being a member or officer in a club or organization, serving on committees or review panels, etc.

Essay

A maximum 2 paged, double spaced essay showcasing the applicant's writing skill which could address:

- 1) Why the student feels they are deserving of such an award, including achievements not recognized elsewhere in the application.
- 2) A description of short and long-term goals and aspirations in relation to the student's future career
- 3) An explanation of progress made during their graduate studies at UK

Transcript Copy

Please attach a copy of the applicant's transcript (Unofficial copies are acceptable).

I attest that this application and support materials have been completed truthfully and under my own accord, and to the best of my knowledge this information is entirely accurate.