

Graduate Awards

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Nomination Process and Procedures

Departments may nominate up to one individual per degree level for each award. The nomination materials should include a cover letter prepared by the department (Graduate Program Director or Student Advisor) outlining qualifications, the student's curriculum vitae, and copies of relevant evidence of accomplishments (e.g. the title page of published articles, abstracts, news articles, programs). The nominators are responsible for coordinating the application process and nominations packets should be limited as follows: 1 page nomination letter, 1-2 pages CV, up to 3 pages of supplemental evidence. Nomination materials should be representative, not necessarily comprehensive.

Selection Process

Nominations should be submitted to the College of Graduate and Professional Studies no later than the third Monday in February. The Graduate Council's sub-committee on Student Affairs will review all nominations and forward a list of recipients to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. The awardees will be notified no later than the Friday prior to Spring Break.

General Eligibility Criteria

Students who have been actively enrolled and who have completed at least 1 semester are eligible for the award. A student may be nominated for either the CBRPS or the R&S award but not both. Nominees for the CBRPS and R&S award may also be nominated for the Ethos Award.

Community-Based Research and Problem Solving (CBRPS)

The CBRPS is intended to recognize outstanding graduate student contributions in the area of community engagement and applied research. This award is intended to recognize work in those fields for which **community engagement, clinical practices, and/or action research** are essential, but all students are eligible. Up to four (4) awards may be given per academic year with no more than two (2) for any degree level (Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral). The committee may or may not make awards annually at each degree level depending on the strength of the nominee pool. In addition to the general eligibility criteria above, all nominees are required to have participated **at least once** in the campus research showcase known as the "Exposium: A Celebration of Student Research & Creativity".

Nominees must have met **one or more of the following criteria** with evidence of community-based research or problem solving to be a recipient:

- one or more published (or accepted) peer-reviewed journal articles as sole or co-author; one or more solo shows or public performances of his or her creative work at an appropriate professional venue at the regional, national, or international level;
- one or more published creative works in an appropriate professional/disciplinary venue;
- one or more externally funded grant projects or contracts as PI or Co-PI;

- one or more papers published in a proceedings volume (Master's and Specialist only);
- multiple examples of high quality published public scholarship (not necessarily peer reviewed);
- evidence of one or more outstanding and unique research or creative contributions to his/her discipline consistent with the practices of the profession or discipline.

Awardees will be selected based upon the strength of the nomination letter, eligibility, and quality of the community-based interactions.

Research & Creativity

The Research & Creativity Award is intended to recognize those students who have **evidenced significant contributions** to their field and/or discipline.. Up to four (4) awards may be given per academic year with no more than two (2) for any degree level (Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral). The committee may or may not make awards annually at each degree level depending on the strength of the nominee pool. In addition to the general eligibility criteria above, all nominees are required to have participated **at least once** in the campus research showcase known as the "Exposium: A Celebration of Student Research & Creativity".

Nominees must have met **one or more of the following criteria** to be a recipient:

- one or more published (or accepted) peer reviewed journal articles as sole or co-author;
- one or more solo shows or public performances of his or her creative work at an appropriate professional venue at the regional, national, or international level;
- one or more published creative works in an appropriate professional/disciplinary venue;
- one or more externally funded grant projects or contracts as PI or Co-PI;
- one or more juried awards for their creative or research contributions;
- one or more papers published in a proceedings volume (Master's and Specialist only);
- multiple examples of high-quality, published public scholarship (not necessarily peer reviewed);
- evidence of one or more outstanding and unique research or creative contributions to his/her discipline consistent with the practices of the profession or discipline.

Ethos Award

The Ethos Award is intended to recognize high-quality and balanced contributions of individual scholarship that embody the university mission and values of graduate education at ISU. These students have arguably **served as the standard for excellence** within a given degree program. A maximum of one award may be made per degree level annually (Master's, Specialist, and Doctoral). The committee may or may not make awards annually at each degree level depending on the strength of the nominee pool.