

## Graduate Student Awards & Fellowships

### I. AWARDS

Graduate Studies offers numerous awards (see below and linked [here](#)) to graduate students in the spring of each year.

Nominations of CYAF students must be submitted by GEC.

#### Process for nominating CYAF students:

1. For **Graduate Student Excellence in Mentoring Awards, Outstanding Graduate Research and Creative Activities Awards, and Outstanding Graduate TA Awards**, nominators should submit a nomination letter and the nominee's CV.

For **Folsom Distinguished Master's Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation Awards**, nominators should submit a nomination letter, the nominee's CV, and the thesis/dissertation abstract (max 1000 words).

2. GEC will review all documents and make final decisions based on criteria of each award;
3. GEC will submit final names and documentation materials to Graduate Studies.

- **All materials are due to the CYAF GEC Chair by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, annually.**

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**Graduate Student Excellence in Mentoring Award:** recognizes graduate students who have demonstrated excellence in mentoring undergraduate and other graduate students in research and creative activities. Faculty and staff may nominate a graduate student for this award. Nominators will be required to submit a nomination letter and submit the nominee's CV.

**Outstanding Graduate Research and Creative Activities Award:** recognizes excellence in graduate student research and creativity at Nebraska. Faculty and staff may nominate a student for this award. Nominators will be required to submit a nomination letter and submit the nominee's CV and summary of research or creative activity (max. 1000 words).

**Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award:** recognizes graduate teaching assistants who have demonstrated special effectiveness in teaching undergraduates at Nebraska. Faculty and staff may nominate a student for this award. Nominators will be required to submit a nomination letter and submit the nominee's CV and statement of teaching philosophy (max. 1000 words).

**Folsom Distinguished Master's Thesis Award:** recognizes the outstanding research and creative accomplishments of the university's master's students and includes a \$500 honorarium. Each department that confers the Master's degree may submit one nomination for the award. Nominees must have graduated with their Master's degree within the last year. Nominators will be required to submit a nomination letter and the nominee's CV and thesis abstract (max. 1000 words).

**Folsom Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award:** recognizes the outstanding research and creative accomplishments of the university's doctoral students and includes a \$1000 honorarium. Each department that confers the Doctoral degree may submit one nomination for the award. Nominees must have graduated

with their doctoral degree within the last year. Nominators will be required to submit a nomination letter and the nominee's CV and dissertation abstract (max. 1000 words)

## **II. FELLOWSHIPS**

CYAF offers several merit-based fellowships to graduate students in the spring of each year.

The Chair of the CEHS Fellowships and Awards committee provides a list of available fellowships to CYAF each spring.

### **Eligibility:**

- Each award has unique criteria (e.g., study focus; GPA, etc...)

### **Process for Receiving a Fellowship:**

- CYAF (e.g., Kaelie) will submit the list of available fellowships to all CYAF graduate students in the spring of each after it is received from the college.
- Students are responsible for:
  - Determining which (if any) they are eligible to receive; and then
  - Submit supporting documents (see below) to GEC Chair to be considered;
- GEC will review supporting documents and determine awardee for each fellowship<sup>1</sup>.

### **Supportive Documents and Due Date:**

- Students are responsible for submitting the following:
  - CV
  - Identification of fellowship they want to be considered for
  - Brief summary of why they should be selected to receive the fellowship.
    - If students are eligible for more than one fellowship, they must identify and provide a summary statement for EACH
- The due date for submitting supporting documents will be noted when the list of eligible fellowships are announced each spring (due date may vary from year to year).

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<sup>1</sup> Fellowships are dispersed in two equal amounts the next academic year (half in fall, half in spring).