

Departmental Graduate Awards for Excellence in Research
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
University of Maryland College Park

Purpose. Recognition of outstanding research accomplishments is one way to reward and foster excellence.

Eligibility. All Chemistry and Biochemistry graduate students are eligible. We anticipate that at least 2 awards will be made.

Award Description. A Research Excellence Award includes a certificate and a \$500 cash award. Recipients will be recognized and given the opportunity to present their research at a student-faculty assembly in May.

Nomination Procedure. Students may be nominated for Research Excellence Awards by faculty, students, or themselves.

An application package should include the following:

1. Student's CV
2. Graduate transcript (unofficial copy)
3. Two-page research description, prepared by the student, including:
 - a. Research Title
 - b. Definition of research problem
 - c. Research results summary
 - d. Contributions to present knowledge and future implications
4. A supporting letter from the student's advisor. This letter should address the student's research accomplishments and compare the nominee's accomplishments to those of present and former students.
5. One letter from another faculty member, who is a member of the student's mentoring committee. The letter should address accomplishments relative to past and present students.

**A single pdf file containing #1 - 3 above and two pdf files with the supporting letters (#4 and #5 above) should be submitted independently using the following link: <https://tristan.umd.edu/filemanage/index.php> Use the following file name formats for the application and supporting letters, respectively:
Applicant_Last_Name_Applicant_First_Name_ER_application.pdf or
Applicant_Last_Name_Applicant_First_Name_ER_reference_Faculty_Name.pdf**

Selection Method. The Graduate Awards Committee will evaluate applications and select finalists. The major criteria in finalist selection will be clear documentation of research excellence. The Committee will notify the faculty of finalist selection(s).

Award Method. Awardees will be officially notified by letter. The certificate and cash award will be presented at a Graduate Student-Faculty Ceremony on May 14 at which recipients will present a 15 minute research talk. A reception will follow the ceremony.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
April 18, 2014

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Please email **Elizabeth Hontz, Graduate Office, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry** with any questions concerning your submission or if you cannot access the site: ehontz@umd.edu