



UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA
Graduate School

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2026 Excellence in Research by Graduate Students Award

Nominations due Thursday, November 6th, 2025

The Graduate School invites nominations for the annual *Excellence in Research by Graduate Students* Award to recognize the outstanding research and scholarship of graduate students.

Award: The award recognizes the highest achievements in doctoral graduate student research and scholarship. One student may be selected in each of the five broad disciplinary categories to receive an award of \$1,000. The awards will be presented during Honors Week 2026.

Nomination: Each graduate department is invited to nominate one student who has graduated or will graduate in 2025 (May, August, or December 2025). The five nomination categories are:

- Humanities and Fine Arts
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics and Physical Sciences
- Professional and Applied Sciences
- Social and Behavioral Sciences

Eligibility: The nominee must have graduated in May or August 2025 or will graduate in December 2025.

Submission Deadline: The nomination and submission of all documentation will occur at the same time. The nomination and all supporting materials are to be uploaded by the department's faculty Director of Graduate Studies in [GradStatus](#) form G107 by the deadline of Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Nomination materials: The nomination file should include documentation in this order:

(1) Letter of nomination from the major professor, Director of Graduate Studies, or department head addressing the criteria for this award: the quality of the research; importance/potential impact of the research; record of research; and recognition.

(2) Supporting materials, which may include:

- a. curriculum vitae;
- b. dissertation abstract and link to dissertation online, if available;
- c. reprints/preprints of published/in-press papers and abstracts;

- d. information on any prizes and/or other recognition received at the national level;
- e. patents resulting from the research;
- f. information on art or other creative work exhibited at juried events; and
- g. other materials appropriate for the nominee's discipline.

The nomination materials must be:

- compiled in the order listed above and saved as one single Adobe Acrobat .pdf file;
- named with last name of nominee, name of department, and category in which the nominee should be evaluated, and;
- uploaded by the Director of Graduate Studies into [GradStatus](#) form G107 by the deadline of November 6, 2025.

Review Process and Award Criteria: Evaluation and selection is based upon the student's overall scholarship/research activity, as presented in the materials in the nomination file, including the dissertation. Nominees and recipients will be evaluated and selected by reviewers based on the following criteria: 1) quality of research/scholarly activity; 2) level of importance/potential impact of research/scholarly activity; 3) record of research/scholarly activity while a student at UGA; and 4) recognition of research/scholarly activity.

Questions: Email us at gradawards@uga.edu if you have questions or need additional information.