

Outstanding Graduate Student Award - Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter

Purpose: To recognize outstanding graduate students in the areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design and family and consumer sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Procedures:

Students meeting the following criteria shall be eligible for this award:

- a. Candidates shall be graduate students at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), AAFCS accredited departments of the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS), and the College of Engineering and Technology when majoring in Biological Systems Engineering or Agricultural Engineering.
- b. Candidates shall have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their teaching, research, or extension endeavors, and great promise for future academic contributions in their field of expertise.
- c. Candidates are not required to hold a graduate assistantship to be eligible.

The winner will be awarded \$500 at the GSD Initiation and Awards Banquet on January 31, 2016.

Nominees should submit a current résumé/cv, a listing of UNL graduate course work and grades received, and no more than 3 letters of recommendation to Robert Wright (rwright2@unl.edu), GSD Membership Coordinator, by **November 21, 2016**. Applications must be submitted electronically.

Previous Award Winners:

2009 – Tim Husen, Entomology

2010 – Jessie Fernandez, Plant Pathology

2011 – Chandirasegaran Massilamany, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

2012 – Aruna Gangaplara, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

2013 – Daran Rudnick, Biological Systems Engineering

2014 – Vivek Sharma, Biological Systems Engineering

2015 – Kevin Sargent, Animal Science

Evaluation Criteria:

Scholarship (as evidenced by performance in course work, and research, teaching, extension accomplishments). – **60 points**

These accomplishments can be demonstrated by journal publications and written articles (published or submitted), presentations at professional society meetings, student course evaluations for teaching, instructional materials developed (classroom teaching/laboratory/extension), extension programming activities, grants written and/or submitted for funding, special honors and recognitions achieved.

Letters of recommendation - 30 points

Service (within UNL, professional societies, community outreach) - **10 points**