

MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS 2010 Distinguished Thesis Awards

The Executive Committee of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) is soliciting nominations for the 2010 MAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Awards to recognize and reward distinguished scholarship and research at the master's level.

Guidelines for the 2010 MAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Awards

1. Each member institution may submit one nomination for the award. Each nomination requires the written endorsement of the Dean of the Graduate School or equivalent official. The institution selection process is the responsibility of that individual.
2. Nominations will be accepted in any discipline in which the institution offers a master's degree. Original works accepted by an institution "in lieu of thesis" (such as musical compositions, published books, works of art, computer software, etc.) may not be nominated.
3. A nominee must have been awarded the master's degree within the calendar year from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. Since the intent of the competition is to recognize scholarship by students who are pursuing their first graduate research degree, individuals who received a Ph.D. (or comparable research degree) in any discipline prior to the writing of the master's thesis are not eligible. However, recipients of a first professional degree awarded prior to the writing of the thesis may be nominated.
4. The nomination consists of an electronic submission:
 - a) The completed Nomination Form, the abstract of the nominated thesis, and the thesis must be submitted **electronically** to gssr@usi.edu. The thesis must be in one continuous document in PDF. Please use as the subject heading "MAGS Thesis." This electronic submission must be received no later than **Monday, NOVEMBER 9, 2009**. The abstract, describing the research and its significance, must not exceed 300 words and must contain the title of the thesis and the name of the author but not the name of the nominating institution.
 - b) Letters from the faculty mentor and (or) the Dean of the Graduate School or equivalent may accompany the nomination.
 - c) Those institutions unable to submit their nominated thesis electronically may send one photocopy of the thesis to the review committee by surface mail carrier. This document will not be returned to the institution. The **deadline for receipt of the photocopied thesis will be Friday, November 13, 2009**.
 - d) Any institutions experiencing difficulty submitting the electronic thesis on November 9 may burn a copy of the required documents to a CD and send it by surface mail carrier to the review committee. The **deadline for receipt of the documents on CD will be Friday, November 13, 2009**.

Send c) and d) materials by surface mail carrier to:

Dr. Peggy Harrel
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8600 University Blvd.
Evansville, IN 47712

5. Each recipient of a MAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Award will receive a \$750 honorarium. In addition, up to \$750 will be available to the sponsoring graduate dean to help with the recipient's travel expenses to attend the Annual Meeting, April 21-23, 2010 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The recipient's institution is expected to cover any additional travel expenses beyond the \$750 provided by MAGS. The faculty mentor or thesis advisor will also be invited to attend the presentation ceremony.

Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools
2010 Distinguished Master's Thesis Competition
Nomination Form

Full name of nominee:

Nominee's contact information:

Mailing address

Phone number _____ E-mail address _____

Degree information:

Degree type _____

Major _____

Date awarded _____

*Please note that the contest guidelines state in part that "(O)riginal works accepted by an institution "in lieu of thesis" (such as musical compositions, published books, works of art, computer software, etc.) may not be nominated."

- I certify that this information is accurate.

Thesis Title:

Nominating Dean:

(signature)

(date)

(name; typed or printed)

(position)

(institution)

(e-mail address and phone number)