

RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I

Student Excellence in Research Award Nomination Guidelines

Candidates must be nominated by their faculty advisor. Awards at different degree levels (bachelor's, master's and doctoral) are available. Each award consists of a certificate and \$500. Nominations are screened by a review committee composed of three or more members of the University Research Council (URC). The committee prepares a list of finalists to be considered by the URC as a whole. In any given year, the URC may choose not to confer an award at certain degree levels.

Eligibility

Any full-time student working towards a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree may be nominated. Each student is limited to receiving one award at any given degree level.

Required Documents

1. From the faculty advisor: A statement describing and assessing the candidate's research activities and accomplishments. If the nomination is for a thesis or dissertation research, the statement should also evaluate the impact of the research on the knowledge base of the discipline.
2. From the candidate: a) A brief biographical profile indicating academic goals and accomplishments, and b) an expanded abstract or summary (1,000 to 1,500 words) describing the research and its significance.
3. Support letters from the candidate's department chair and at least one other individual familiar with the candidate's research. All letters need to be sent directly to the URC.

Evaluation Criteria

The review committee will consider all of the candidate's scholarly research activities and accomplishments at the University of Hawai'i, up to the time of the candidate's nomination. In specific, the committee evaluates the following:

1. Overall quality of the nomination
2. Evidence of the quality, originality and significance of the research
3. Strength of the support letters
4. Quality of candidate's expanded abstract
5. Quality of candidate's previous scholastic awards and recognitions
6. Quality of candidate's previous research accomplishments (e.g. paper/poster presentations, journal publications)

Application Deadline

Submit all required materials to the URC at Spalding 357, by the deadline posted in the URC Website at www.hawaii.edu/urc.

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