

# Richard A. Zdanis Research Fellowship Award Nomination

The School of Graduate Studies is pleased once again to announce that we are accepting nominations for the Zdanis Award which is a fellowship fund in honor of Provost and University Vice President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Physics Richard A. Zdanis. The purpose of the fund is to provide \$5,000 in financial support to help Ph.D. candidates complete work on their dissertations.

The departmental Chair or program directors, in consultation with department faculty, designate the department's nominee for the Zdanis Award. Each academic department may nominate only one candidate. This award cannot supplant existing funding received by the student. Nominees must have advanced to candidacy and be actively engaged in their research projects.

## PRINCIPAL RESEARCH ADVISOR:

- 1) The Principle Research Advisor for the nominee should complete and submit this nomination form.
- 2) To be eligible the nominee must be endorsed by the CWRU faculty member who serves as the doctoral student's research advisor and can articulate the student's academic promise. The endorsement must include the ways in which the project demonstrates the following: research creativity, the rationale for conducting the study, the research's importance for advancing knowledge in the student's field and the expected contribution of the research to the student's field of practice (if applicable).
- 3) The research advisor should also provide a statement of why this fellowship will not supplant funding the student would otherwise receive and a list of current and pending research funding.

## NOMINEE:

Before submitting this form, the following materials will need to be received from the nominee so they can be submitted with the nomination form below.

- 1) A statement indicating the nature of their research and how the award could be used to enhance their research as well as furthering their personal and professional development after their receipt of the doctoral degree (3 page maximum). The nominator must upload the statement to their nomination.
- 2) A CV (2 pages maximum) giving a brief synopsis of relevant employment, teaching, research, publications and awards. The nominator must upload the CV to their nomination.

Please only complete this nomination form if you are the nominee's Principle Research Advisor or Department chair and if this student has been selected by the faculty and approved by the department chair as the singular nominee from your department. In the form below, you will be asked to upload a .PDF of an email from the chair indicating this endorsement.

Nomination deadline is Friday, March 29.

Please contact us at [sgsevents@case.edu](mailto:sgsevents@case.edu) with any questions. Thank You!

# The Ruth Barber Moon Award

Each academic department may nominate one graduate student, who demonstrates:

- academic promise
- leadership ability, and
- financial need.

Because this award is limited to one nomination per academic department, we require that the department chair or an administrator designated by the department chair submit the form.

Nomination deadline is Friday, March 29 for the completed application.

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# The Graduate Dean's Instructional Excellence Award

The Graduate Dean's Instructional Excellence Award is available to graduate student assistants who demonstrate outstanding achievement in instruction in undergraduate classes. It presents academic departments with an annual opportunity to honor graduate students who have shown exceptional skill and dedication. It is also a way for us to stress the importance we place on the undergraduate experience at CWRU.

Eligibility for this Award includes teaching assistants who assist with a course, a lab, or a recitation, or who assist with grading or tutoring.

Furthermore, candidates for nomination must have completed, or be currently enrolled in, the non-credit course UNIV 400, which is a course required of graduate students who provide instruction for undergraduate courses.

The names of two nominees may be submitted by each department. The chair, in consultation with the department faculty, nominates Graduate Assistants whose performances are considered exceptional. Nominations may also originate from individual faculty members, but need an endorsement from the departmental chairperson. In the form below, you will be asked to upload a .PDF of an email from the chair endorsing this nomination.

Nomination deadline is Friday, March 29.

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# The Lenore A Kola Graduate Student Community Service Award

Dr. Lenore A. Kola was an Associate Professor of Social Work at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences and former Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (2001-2004). During her time as Dean, Dr. Kola implemented numerous changes in Graduate Studies that have increased services that Graduate Studies provides to its constituents.

Dr. Kola also mentored graduate students in the Graduate Student Senate Executive Committee to become more actively engaged in the life of the university. During Dr. Kola's tenure the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) independently launched a "Save the Graduate Dean" campaign when the university leadership was closely examining the need for this position. Dr. Kola's mentoring encouraged a number of graduate students involved with GSS to give back to the university community which resulted in a very active GSS that sought to serve their fellow graduate students on many different levels.

In recognition of Dr. Kola's contributions to the graduate student body and the Graduate Student Senate, the School of Graduate Studies created The Lenore A. Kola Graduate Student Community Service Award.

Before completing this form, the nominator will need to obtain from the student nominee their CV and a statement of involvement with a student organization. These documents will be uploaded in the form below.

#### Eligibility:

- + A graduate student whose degree is awarded by the School of Graduate Studies may be nominated by anyone in the Case community (faculty, staff or student).
- + Must be a current active member of the Graduate Student Council or a student organization recognized by the Graduate Student Council.

Award: \$1,000 (award to be presented at the Graduate Studies annual award ceremony)

Nomination Deadline is Friday, March 29.

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# Cleveland Arts Prize: Kathryn Karipides Scholarship in Modern Dance

The Kathryn Karipides Scholarship held by the Cleveland Arts Prize and administered through Case Western Reserve University's School of Graduate Studies, awards a graduate dance student a stipend to attend a summer Modern Dance program/workshop of their choice.

Learn more about Kathryn Karipides at  
[http://clevelandartsprize.org/awardees/kathryn\\_karipides.html](http://clevelandartsprize.org/awardees/kathryn_karipides.html)

This form should be submitted by the student (who meets the edibility requirements below) nominating themselves.

#### Eligibility:

Must be an incoming or current student or recent alumni (graduated within the last year) of the MFA Dance program and interested in attending a summer modern dance program.

#### Application Requirements:

Requirements include describing your planned program of study, brief bio, two letters of recommendation, unofficial graduate transcript (a 3.5 GPA is required), and a completed application.

Note: Recipients of the scholarship will be asked to submit a brief review of their summer study and a dance photograph at its completion.

#### Award Amount:

This scholarship award is approximately \$2000. The actual amount is dependent on spendable income from the endowment.

Nomination deadline is Friday, March 29 for the completed application and required recommendations. Please remember to allow enough time for the endorsement.

Please contact us at [sgsevents@case.edu](mailto:sgsevents@case.edu) with any questions. Thank You!

# Graduate Student Appreciation Award Nomination

The School of Graduate Studies is pleased to announce an opportunity for faculty and staff to recognize graduate students that make a difference on our campus and/or the Cleveland community.

Graduate school is a busy time when students focus the bulk of their energy on their graduate career. In the words of Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."

There are grad students on this campus that go above and beyond what's expected. Their actions improve the campus community, the city of Cleveland, and touch the lives of many people.

Do you know a grad student that embodies these principles? Maybe they volunteer in their department, mentor younger students, are involved at Case in other professional or social groups, or donate time to a community organization. These extra-curricular activities are integral for a complete graduate student experience. We want to recognize those students that exceed the typical expectations of a graduate student and improve the lives of others around them.

**Eligibility:** A graduate student whose degree is awarded by the School of Graduate Studies.

Nomination deadline is Friday, March 29.

Please contact us at [sgsevents@case.edu](mailto:sgsevents@case.edu) with any questions. Community members who wish to nominate a student but have difficulty submitting through CampusGroups should also contact us at that address. Thank You!

# Departmental Awards Submission Form

Thank you for recognizing students from your department or program! Please use the following form to provide us with the information needed to include them in the Graduate Awards Ceremony. You will need to complete a form for each individual award winner.

This form should be completed only by those approved by their department or program to submit.

The submission must be completed by Friday, March 29.

Please contact us at [sgsevents@case.edu](mailto:sgsevents@case.edu) with any questions. Thank You!

NOTE: If you are looking to submit winners for the Doctoral Excellence Award, Arthur F.W. Hughes Award, Charlotte Smith Award, or Lester O. Krampitz Award, please contact Malana Bey: [mcb19@case.edu](mailto:mcb19@case.edu) / 216.368.5655