

**2018-19 Auburn University Graduate School
Master's Thesis Award**

Field of Competition: MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

INSTRUCTION FOR NOMINATION

Nominations: A college/school may nominate up to three students for an award in the field of mathematics, physical sciences and engineering. For each nominee, the thesis must have been accepted in partial fulfillment of master's degree requirements during the past two academic years (Fall 2016 through Summer 2018).

Materials: Each nominee must prepare an abstract (not to exceed 2 pages) of his or her thesis (typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins on 8-1/2" x 11" on white paper) and a brief resume or c.v. (1-2 pages). The pages should be numbered, and each should bear the name of the nominee. A letter of reference from the student's major professor addressing the significance and quality of the work should be included in the nomination materials. The nominee should provide a web link to the electronic thesis (or an electronic copy) and an electronic copy (preferred) or three paper copies of each of the following to the Award Committee: nomination form, abstract, resume or c.v. and letter of reference.

Deadline: The deadline for submission to the Graduate School is Friday, July 13, 2018.

Criteria: The Graduate School will name an Award Committee whose members have established records in the disciplinary areas under consideration. At their discretion, additional consultation may be sought. The nominated theses should represent original work making an unusually significant contribution to the respective discipline. Winners are selected on the basis of clarity of style and presentation, scholarship, research methodology, and contributions to the field or discipline. The following list, although not all-inclusive, illustrates the fields considered as *Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering*: mathematics; statistics; computer sciences; data processing; systems analysis; chemistry; earth sciences; physics; geology; meteorology; astronomy; metallurgy; geophysics; pharmaceutical chemistry; aeronautical, architectural, biomedical, ceramic, chemical, civil, and electrical engineering sciences; environmental health engineering; geological, mechanical, mining, nuclear, and petroleum engineering. (For purposes of this competition, engineering technologies are not included).

Award: Master's Thesis Awards, consisting of an honorarium of \$250 and a certificate of citation, will be presented at the Graduate School's annual awards ceremony.

Note one: The Master's Thesis Award operates on a two-year cycle in regard to fields of competition. The fields of competition for 2018-19 will be Mathematics/Physical Sciences/Engineering and Humanities and Fine Arts; for 2019-20, Biological/Life Sciences & Social Sciences. This cycle corresponds with that of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools' Master's Thesis Award and ETD Master's Thesis Award. Winners of the Auburn Master's Thesis Award may be nominated by the Graduate School for the CSGS Awards.

Note two: No student may be nominated in more than one award category (e.g., in two consecutive years) and may not be nominated by more than one college.