2021 Auburn University Graduate School
Master’s Thesis Award

Field of Competition: Mathematics/Physical Sciences/Engineering

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATION

Nominations: A college/school may nominate up to three students for an award in the fields:
Mathematics/Physical Sciences/Engineering. If a college/school nominates more than three
students in any one category, the Graduate School will contact one of the unit's associate deans (or
another designee) to downselect the top three candidates. For each nominee, the thesis must have been
accepted in partial fulfillment of master’s degree requirements during the past two academic years (Fall
2018 through Summer 2020).

Materials: Each nominee must prepare an abstract (not to exceed 10 pages) of the thesis, typed, double-
spaced, with one-inch margins on 8-1/2” x 11” paper and a brief resume or CV. 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 submit the following through the nomination form: abstract, resume or
CV, letter of reference, and thesis (or a Web link to the thesis).

Deadline: The deadline for submission to the Graduate School is July 31, 2020.

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 thesis 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 for this nomination: 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.

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.

Notes:
The Master’s Thesis Award operates on a two-year cycle in regard to fields of competition. The fields of
competition for:
2021 - Mathematics/Physical Sciences/Engineering and Humanities/Fine Arts
2022 - Life Sciences and Social Sciences/Business/Education
This cycle corresponds with that of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) awards.
Winners of the Master’s Thesis Award may be nominated by the Graduate School for the CSGS Award.

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.