

Department Criteria for Outstanding Graduate Student Award

The **research advisor** should e-mail the DGS evidence of the student's scholarship *prior to the departmental deadline*. Here are some items to potentially include:

- Papers published, accepted, or submitted
- Awards and scholarships
- Membership in professional organizations / societies
- Conference presentations (talks, posters)
- Seminars external to NIU
- Patents; evidence of technology innovation / commercialization
- Skill sets, such as ability to write a technical manuscript, give a talk, write a research proposal, mentoring, team orientation and collaboration, teaching effectiveness, safety compliance, work ethic, etc.
- Exceptional experiences and performance related, for example, to Argonne.
- Current professional employment (post-doctor, industry)
- Anything else that can potentially strengthen the nomination

The **student candidate** should email the following information to the DGS *prior to the departmental deadline*:

- Overall GPA at NIU
- GPA in all science and math courses at NIU
- Degrees prior to NIU (B.S., M.S.)
- Statement of Qualification: A well-written statement of why you feel you should receive the Outstanding Graduate Student Award. Include any experiences (i.e. interdisciplinary/collaborative) that you feel sets you apart and illustrates your exemplary scholarship.