

Outstanding Graduate RESEARCH Assistant Award

Department of Geography, Pennsylvania State University

- Purpose** The Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award recognizes graduate assistants for outstanding performance as research assistants in the Department of Geography.
- Eligibility** To be eligible for nomination, a graduate student must have served as a graduate research assistant for at least two semesters within the last two years. The graduate student must be in good academic standing and within the first two years for MS and four years for PhD.
- Nominations** Faculty members may nominate a graduate student for this award. Please provide a two-paragraph nomination by **March 22**.
- The possible bases for the nomination are:
 - Single/co-authored publications, especially as lead author
 - International and/or domestic conference organization activity, and/or presentation of work
 - Demonstration of leadership and initiative in research
 - Effective outreach and demonstrations of research products to funding agencies or the public
 - Significant methodological growth
 - Contribution to proposals that create new research opportunities or help to re-fund existing research
- Deadline** Submit nomination letter to the Chair of the Department Awards Committee, Roger Downs, by Wednesday, **March 22**.
- Selection Process** The Chair of the Awards Committee, Department Head, and Associate Head will select the recipient. Nominees will be notified by letter of the award decision. Awards consist of \$500 and a certificate presented at the department's spring award ceremony.