

**Forestry and Natural Resource Sciences Graduate Student Award for Excellence**  
**Application Form**

**November 2016 (revision approved 24 February 2017)**

Purpose:

The award will annually recognize outstanding graduate students within the department and their achievements. Students actively pursue many activities, and their academic, research and/or outreach accomplishments are deserving of recognition. Recognition will benefit the student's professional resume, and foster a sense of ambition and excellence within the department.

Eligibility:

The award process will be open to all M.S. and Ph.D. students within the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (*i.e.*, any student whose **major** advisor/co-advisor is Forestry and Natural Resources faculty). M.S. students should be in their last academic year, and Ph.D. students should be in their last two years. Any student who receives the award may not re-apply in later years, unless the student is pursuing a different graduate degree within the Department. Any student meeting the outlined guidelines for excellence as reviewed by the award committee should be eligible for recognition. This means that during any given year, multiple students could receive the award.

Award:

The award would consist of a plaque placed in a prominent location within the T. P. Cooper Building with new name plates added for each award recipient.

Process:

Applications will be made available at the beginning of the spring semester each year. **Each student's application and supporting materials must be emailed as a pdf to the Director of Graduate Studies (Forest and Natural Resource Sciences) no later than 31 March.** The application and all supporting materials are expected to be completed solely by the applicant. Applications will be forwarded to an *ad hoc* selection committee named each year by the Department Chair. The applicant's advisors should have no involvement in the process. The award committee will meet during April and announce the award recipients *via* personal letters to each selected student. The winners will be announced at the last Departmental Seminar in the spring, held early in May.

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Name: \_  
Last First MI

Forestry and Natural Resources Major/Co-Major Advisor: \_

Master of Science Student  PhD Student  Program if PhD (or MS other than Forest and Natural Resource Sciences)

Graduate GPA only at the University of Kentucky: \_ out of 4.0.

Please attach the following materials in order with this page as a coversheet:

- Curriculum Vitae  
The applicant's CV will provide the committee with background information pertaining to the student's academic, research, service, and other activities over the course of the student's entire career. Information for the CV is not limited just to experience at the University of Kentucky and there is no page limit.
- Research and/or Other Project Experience  
The applicant has pursued a variety of research, outreach, and/or other topics with varying degrees of breadth and depth within the department. In this section please limit experiences to those gained only in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Kentucky.
- 1) Conferences, workshops, symposiums
    - Applicants should note whether they also presented
  - 2) Presentations
    - May be poster or oral presentations, and may include any venue (departmental seminars, conferences, non-profit organizations, governmental chapters, K-12 schools, etc.)
  - 3) Manuscripts
    - Includes scientific and technical papers, chapters, books, etc., which are published, in press, submitted and/or in progress
  - 4) Awards and Grants
    - Grants may include those submitted, if a decision has not yet been made by the funding organization
- Service  
Please provide a list of various outreach and service activities in which the applicant has participated. Types of service might include volunteering, being a member or officer in a club or organization, serving on committees or review panels, etc.
- Essay  
A maximum 2-paged, double-spaced essay which could address:
- 1) Why the student feels s/he is deserving of such an award, including achievements not recognized elsewhere in the application.
  - 2) A description of short and long-term goals and aspirations in relation to the student's future career
  - 3) An explanation of progress made during graduate studies at UK
- Academics  
Please attach a copy of the applicant's transcript (unofficial copies are acceptable).

I attest that this application and support materials have been completed truthfully and under my own accord, and to the best of my knowledge this information is entirely accurate.

Applicant Signature

Date