


MEMO TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies  
FROM: Yueh-Ting Lee, Graduate School Dean   
SUBJECT: Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award  
DATE: December 1, 2017

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the competition for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Outstanding Dissertation Award and to issue this request for nominations. The award, originally funded by Richard and Donna Falvo through the SIU Foundation and approved by the Graduate Council in September 1987, was awarded for the first time at the May 1988 commencement.

As outlined in the attachment, the following rules apply:

- (1) Only one dissertation for your doctoral program may be nominated.
- (2) The nominated dissertation must have led to graduation during the 2016-2017 academic year (December 2016, May 2017 and August 2017 graduations).
- (3) The attached nomination form is to be completed, with the student's approval, by the dissertation advisor. This form can be downloaded from our website at [http://gradschool.siu.edu/\\_common/documents/oda-nomination.pdf](http://gradschool.siu.edu/_common/documents/oda-nomination.pdf).

Please submit electronically a copy of the completed dissertation, along with the nomination form, including the abstract and supporting materials via email to [grad.deansoffice@siu.edu](mailto:grad.deansoffice@siu.edu).

If you do not have a dissertation form your program that you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination. The deadline for completed nominations is **Friday, January 19, 2018**. If you have any questions, please contact me.