MEMO

TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies
FROM: Stephen Shih, Associate Dean and Director
SUBJECT: Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award
DATE: October 29, 2020

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for the Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award. The award, 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 guidelines, the following rules apply:

1. Only one dissertation from your doctoral program may be nominated.

2. The nominated dissertation must have led to graduation during the 2019-2020 academic year (December 2019, May 2020, and August 2020 graduations).

3. The nomination form is to be completed, with the student’s approval, by the dissertation adviser. This form can be downloaded from the Graduate School website.

Please submit the following in one electronic copy to donnab@siu.edu: Nomination form, completed dissertation, (including abstract and vita), a detailed statement of the nature and importance of the dissertation research, and any supporting materials.

If you do not have a dissertation from your program that you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination. The deadline for completed nominations is Thursday, January 21, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bennett, donnab@siu.edu.