

MEMO TO: Deans, Chairs and Directors of Graduate Studies  
FROM: Juliane P. Wallace, Interim Associate Dean and Director  
SUBJECT: Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award  
DATE: September 13, 2018

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 for your doctoral program may be nominated.
- (2) The nominated dissertation must have led to graduation during the 2017-2018 academic year (December 2017, May 2018 and August 2018 graduations).
- (3) The 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, one 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 18, 2019**.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bennett, [donnab@siu.edu](mailto:donnab@siu.edu) or call 453-4521.