

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Chairs/Directors and Directors of Graduate Studies

FROM: Yueh-Ting Lee, Dean of the Graduate School

RE: Outstanding Thesis Award

DATE: September 22, 2017

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for the 2018 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Distinguished Master's Thesis Awards. The awards are to recognize and reward distinguished scholarship and research at the master's level.

For the 2018 cycle, the categories are Biological/Life Sciences and Humanities. In the following year, the categories will be Social Sciences and Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering.

The following rules apply:

1. Nominations will be accepted in the disciplines of Biological/Life Sciences and Humanities. (For purposes of this competition, history is considered with the humanities.)
2. The effective date of degree award, or the completion of the master's degree requirements, must fall in the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.
3. The attached nominating form is to be completed, with the student's approval, by the thesis adviser.
4. *If selected*, final submission must include an abstract, describing the research and its significance (not to exceed 300 words) which includes the title of the thesis and name of the author.

The thesis adviser will provide **one electronic copy** of the completed thesis or thesis project report, including abstract. Please send to [grad.deansoffice@siu.edu](mailto:grad.deansoffice@siu.edu).

If you do not have a thesis from your program which you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination. Completed nominations are due **Monday, October 16, 2017**.

The thesis project is judged by faculty from master's programs that have a thesis option. A monetary award will be given for the selected thesis. The recipient of this award will also represent SIU at the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Master's Thesis Award competition.

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