MERITORIOUS AWARD NOTICE

2018-2019

The Graduate School (GS) requests nominations for the Meritorious Award, to be awarded for Fall 2018. Specifically, $45K has been set aside to support these awards. The award disbursement amount will be $5K/award. The purpose of this award is to attract outstanding new graduate students and thus grow graduate student enrollment in alignment with the university’s academic strategic plan. The Meritorious Award will be restricted to students who have applied to a PhD degree-seeking program. Funds will be awarded for qualified nominees as they are received. The program will remain open until all funds are exhausted but no later than the closing date of March 30, 2018.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

The nominating department must provide the following information electronically to melisenda.edwards@montana.edu:

1. Student information:
   a. Name, telephone number, and email address
   b. Current GPA and other required scores (e.g., GREs, TOEFL, IELTS, and so forth)
   c. Department program and degree type being considered at MSU-Bozeman
   d. Current degree(s) and name(s) of institution(s) where degree(s) was (were) conferred

2. Letter of support from the nominating MSU faculty

MECHANISM FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE AWARD

• Faculty can submit nominations from December 1, 2017 up to March 30th 2018 for Fall 2018 admission. The award is for new Ph.D. students matriculating Fall 2018.
• In the event that the student has declined admission or has deferred to another term, the funding will return to the general pool. The Graduate School then may offer the award to an alternate nominee, who may or may not be an applicant in the same department.
• The award (a one-time payment) will be dispersed to the student’s account. These funds typically are available after the first week of classes in the fall 2018 term.