



MERITORIOUS AWARD NOTICE

2019-2020

The Graduate School (GS) requests nominations for the Meritorious Award, to be awarded for Fall 2019. 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.

A total of \$45K has been set aside to support these awards, with a disbursement amount of \$5K/award. The Meritorious Award will be restricted to students who have applied to a PhD degree-seeking program. The GS will begin to accept nominations by Dec 3, 2018 and will continue to accept nominations until all funds are expended but no later than the closing date of March 30, 2019.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

The nominating department must provide the following information electronically to Melis Edwards at gradschool@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

- The award is for new Ph.D. students matriculating Fall 2019.
- 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 onetime payment) will be dispersed to the student's account. These funds typically are available after the first week of classes in the Fall 2019 term.