

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 20, 2007

TO: Deans, Department Chairs, and Program Directors
Graduate Assembly Members
Graduate Advisers
Graduate Coordinators
Minority Liaison Officers
Graduate Student Assembly Chair

FROM: Victoria E. Rodríguez
Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

SUBJECT: Graduate School / University Co-op Awards for 2007-2008

I am pleased to announce the Graduate School's 2007-2008 Awards Program. As in the past, the University Co-op will join with the Graduate School in honoring student recipients at a student awards banquet on May 14 and will underwrite the prizes. A separate ceremony will be held for the professional awards.

Also, I am delighted to report that, due to the generosity of the University Co-op, the Graduate School will present a new top-level student recognition this year. The Outstanding Graduate Student Award will come with a \$10,000 prize. The recipient will be selected from among the 12 student winners in the four student award categories.

A summary of the awards is printed on the attached flyer. Detailed information about the awards, including nomination forms, will soon be available on the Graduate Studies web site at <http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/awards/>. Please note that we have moved our deadlines to later in the academic year than they have been in past years. **The first deadline is December 14 for the Graduate Alumnus Award.**

Announcements and nomination materials for each award also will be e-mailed to the graduate programs well in advance of each deadline. To facilitate the nomination process, we ask that all nominations be submitted via the designated person in each graduate program.

I know that many of you have been involved with these awards in the past, and I greatly appreciate your participation. The time and effort you dedicate to suggesting nominees, preparing nomination materials, and serving on selection committees is truly appreciated. The exceptional quality of both our award nominees and recipients is testimony to the extraordinary achievements of our graduate community.

I look forward to hearing from you this year as we launch the 2007-2008 awards program for Outstanding Alumnus/ Alumna, Outstanding Graduate Teaching, Outstanding Graduate Adviser, Outstanding Graduate Coordinator, Outstanding Dissertation, Outstanding Thesis/Report, Mitchell Excellence in Graduate Research, Livingston Outstanding Graduate Student Academic Employee, and Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year.

For additional information on any of these awards, please contact Rhonda Collins, Director of Outreach, at rcollins@austin.utexas.edu or 232-3635.

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The flier with all deadlines for all awards can be downloaded at the following link:
<http://www.utexas.edu/ogs/awards/flyer.pdf>