

## OUTSTANDING Ph.D. STUDENT AWARD

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding scholarship and professionalism by Ph.D. students during their programs of study and/or including the last academic year within which they completed their programs of study in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Louisiana State University.

### **Justification:**

The primary justifications for this award are to:

1. Promote excellence in scholarship and professionalism within the graduate program.
2. Enhance the competitiveness of LSU students in the job market.
3. Raise the visibility of the graduate program through recognition of recipients in professional outlets.

### **Selection Criteria:**

Individuals who receive the award should demonstrate excellence in both scholarship and professionalism. Award recommendations are submitted to the Department Head by the Departmental Scholarship and Student Recognition Committee based on the following criteria:

#### *Minimum Qualifications*

- C The nominee must have completed 27 hours of course work in the Ph.D. degree program in the Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness.
- C The nominee must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 over course work in their approved program of study, and be in good academic standing during the semester the award is given.
- C The nominee must be making satisfactory progress toward completion of his/her academic program.

#### *Other Criteria*

- C Grade point average above the minimum qualification
- C Papers presented at professional meetings
- Honors and Awards

C Service activities for the department, university, and profession

- Public service activities

C Letters of Recommendation

### **Nomination Process**

Nominations are solicited at the beginning of every fall semester and awards are presented at the Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Alumni Association's annual meeting. Nominations may be submitted by either graduate students or faculty. The nomination materials should include the attached nomination form, a nomination letter that outlines the nominee's qualifications, and the nominee's vita. A letter or letters of recommendation can be forwarded under separate cover.

### **Nature of the Award**

Recipients of the award will receive a certificate and have their names inscribed on a permanent departmental plaque. The recipients will be recognized in appropriate professional news letters.

**OUTSTANDING Ph.D. STUDENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS  
and AGRIBUSINESS - LSU**

Please return this form and all other nomination materials to Room 101, Agricultural Administration Building by close of business on **September 13, 2002**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Entered the Program \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Grad. Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Program of Study: Yes or No (Please Circle)

Local Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Research Proposal Approved: Yes or No (Please Circle)

Program \_\_\_\_\_

Semester Hours Completed at LSU \_\_\_\_\_ Total Semester Hours Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average at LSU \_\_\_\_\_ Overall Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Letter(s) of Recommendation have been requested from : \_\_\_\_\_ and

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Advisor's Comments:

Please attach a vita that includes a list of publications, paper presentations, service activities to the department, university and profession, public service activities and awards since entering your graduate program. To certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct, please sign below.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

