2025-2026 Outstanding Grad Student Award Rubric Master's Students

	0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Honors/Awards	Student did not receive honors or awards during their master's program	Student has received at least 1 award or honor from their department, UI, state or national organization	Student has received at least 1 award or honor from their department, UI, state or national organization. Student demonstrates how the award(s) received impacted their education or career path	Student has received at least 1 award or honor from their department, UI, state or national organization. Student demonstrates how the award(s) received showcase them as leaders in their respective field. The award(s) contributed significantly to the student's education at UI or future career path
Work Experience	Student was not employed on- or off- campus during their master's program	Student was employed at some point during their master's program, either on or off campus	Student demonstrated a commitment to their on- or off-campus workplace while simultaneously pursuing their master's	Student was a model employee, demonstrating commitment to an on- or off- campus workplace during a majority of their time in the master's program. Student had a clear and positive impact on their workplace during their time there
Presentations and Exhibits	Student gave no exhibitions or presentations (poster or oral) during their master's program	Student gave at least one exhibition or poster or oral presentation during their master's program	Student gave at least exhibition or one poster or oral presentation during their master's program. Student demonstrates the exhibition(s)/presentation(s) reached a large audience (such as at a national conference) OR had a significant impact on particular field	Student gave at least one exhibition or poster or oral presentation during their master's program. Student demonstrates the exhibition(s)/presentation(s) had a significant impact on their field and helped generate new relationships and collaborations that benefit the students and UI
Publications and Creative Works	Student did not publish articles or produce creative works during their master's program	Student is first or co-author on 1 or more publications submitted to an academic journal awaiting acceptance or Student has produced creative works as part of coursework or has demonstrated continuous engagement with an artistic medium	Student is first or co-author on 1 or more published articles in an academic journal. Student demonstrates the published article impacted their academic development or Student has submitted 1 or more pieces of creative work to (i) local/state/national competitions, (ii) surrounding community, (iii) some other published venue	Student is first or co-author on 1 or more published articles in an academic journal. Student demonstrates that the published work(s) had a considerable impact on the field and their academic development or Student has submitted 1 or more pieces of creative work to (i) local/state/national competitions, (ii) surrounding community, (iii) some other published venue. The student demonstrates how the work contributed significantly to the place where it was showcased
Service	Student did not engage in service activies during their master's program	Student has volunteered for one or more organizations or projects	Student demonstrates commitment to a service project that has had a clearly positive influence on Moscow or surrounding community.	Student has demonstrated they are pillar of the community, engaging in multiple, transformative services projects. Their service has had a clearly positive influence on Moscow or surrounding communities
Leadership	Student did not engage in leadership activies during their master's program	Student demonstrates leadership in a limited informal capacity (e.g. helping new graduate students, organizing lab meetings, activism in the community) or formal capacity (holding a position of leadership)	Student demonstrates a committment to leadership in an informal capacity (no elected leadership role) or formal capacity (elected leadership role).	Student demonstrates a committment to leadership in an informal capacity (no elected leadership role) or formal capacity (elected leadership role). The student's leadership has resulted in noticable improvements to organizations on campus, the local community or the global community.
Teaching and Mentorship	Student did not engage with other individuals in a teaching or mentorship capacity	Student served as a mentor during their time at UI. Mentorship did not extend beyond typical modes of mentorship and do not demonstrate a profound impact on individuals or institutions at UI.	Student served as a mentor and/or teaching assitant as a master's student. Mentorship or teaching demonstrated a limited commitment to a) improving course selection at UI, or b) the education of fellow students	Student served as a mentor and/or teaching assitant as a master's student. Student demonstrates a clear and significant impact on a) improving course selection at UI or b) the education of fellow students
A-JEDI	Student did not engage with in any activities that actively supported anti-racist, justice, equality, diversity or inclusion on campus	Student supported organizations that supported A-JEDI initiatives on campus, in the local community, nationally, or globally but was not directly involved in these initiatives	Student demonstrates direct involvment with A-JEDI initiatives on campus, in the local community, nationally, or globally	Student demonstrates direct involvment with A-JEDI initiatives on campus, in the local community, nationally, or globally. Student demonstrates how these initiatives and their involvment resulted in substantive improvements to anti-racist policies, justice, equality, diversity and inclusion

2025-2026 Outstanding Grad Student Award Rubric Doctoral Students

	0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Honors/Awards	Student did not receive honors or awards during their PhD program	Student has received at least 1 award or honor from their department, UI, state or national organization	Student has received at least 1 award or honor from their department, UI, state or national organization. Student demonstrates how the award(s) received impacted their education or career path	Student has received at least 2 award or honor from their department, UI, state or national organization. Student demonstrates how the award(s) received showcase them as leaders in their respective field. The award(s) contributed significantly to the student's education at UI or future career path
Work Experience	Student was not employed on- or off- campus during their PhD program	Student was employed at some point during their PhD program, either on or off campus	Student demonstrated a commitment to their on- or off-campus workplace while simultaneously pursuing their PhD	Student was a model employee, demonstrating commitment to an on- or off- campus workplace during a majority of their time in the PhD program. Student had a clear and positive impact on their workplace during their time there
Presentations and Exhibits	Student gave no exhibitions or presentations (poster or oral) during their PhD program	Student gave at least one exhibition or poster or oral presentation during their PhD program	Student gave at least exhibition or one poster or oral presentation during their PhD program. Student demonstrates the exhibition(s)/presentation(s) reached a large audience (such as at a national conference) OR had a significant impact on particular field	Student gave at least one exhibition or poster or oral presentation during their PhD program. Student demonstrates the exhibition(s)/presentation(s) had a significant impact on their field and helped generate new relationships and collaborations that benefit the students and UI
Publications and Creative Works	Student did not publish articles or produce creative works during their PhD program	Student is first or co-author on 1 or more publications submitted to an academic journal awaiting acceptance or Student has produced creative works as part of coursework or has demonstrated continuous engagement with an artistic medium	Student is first or co-author on 1 or more published articles in an academic journal. Student demonstrates the published article impacted their academic development or Student has submitted 1 or more pieces of creative work to (i) local/state/national competitions, (ii) surrounding community, (iii) some other published venue	Student is first or co-author on 2 or more published articles in an academic journal. Student demonstrates that the published work(s) had a considerable impact on the field and their academic development or Student has submitted 2 or more pieces of creative work to (i) local/state/national competitions, (ii) surrounding community, (iii) some other published venue. The student demonstrates how the work contributed significantly to the place where it was showcased
Service	Student did not engage in service activies during their PhD program	Student has volunteered for one or more organizations or projects	Student demonstrates commitment to a service project that has had a clearly positive influence on Moscow or surrounding community.	Student has demonstrated they are pillar of the community, engaging in multiple, transformative services projects. Their service has had a clearly positive influence on Moscow or surrounding communities
Leadership	Student did not engage in leadership activies during their PhD program	Student demonstrates leadership in a limited informal capacity (e.g. helping new graduate students, organizing lab meetings, activism in the community) or formal capacity (holding a position of leadership)	Student demonstrates a committment to leadership in an informal capacity (no elected leadership role) or formal capacity (elected leadership role).	Student demonstrates a committment to leadership in an informal capacity (no elected leadership role) or formal capacity (elected leadership role). The student's leadership has resulted in noticable improvements to organizations on campus, the local community or the global community.
Teaching and Mentorship	Student did not engage with other individuals in a teaching or mentorship capacity	Student served as a mentor during their time at UI. Mentorship did not extend beyond typical modes of mentorship and do not demonstrate a profound impact on individuals or institutions at UI.	Student served as a mentor and/or teaching assitant as a PhD student. Mentorship or teaching demonstrated a limited commitment to a) improving course selection at UI, or b) the education of fellow students	Student served as a mentor and/or teaching assitant as a PhD student. Student demonstrates a clear and significant impact on a) improving course selection at UI or b) the education of fellow students
A-JEDI	Student did not engage with in any activities that actively supported anti-racist, justice, equality, diversity or inclusion on campus	Student supported organizations that supported A-JEDI initiatives on campus, in the local community, nationally, or globally but was not directly involved in these initiatives	Student demonstrates direct involvment with A-JEDI initiatives on campus, in the local community, nationally, or globally	Student demonstrates direct involvment with A-JEDI initiatives on campus, in the local community, nationally, or globally. Student demonstrates how these initiatives and their involvment resulted in substantive improvements to anti-racist policies, justice, equality, diversity and inclusion