Outstanding Graduate Student Award - Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter

**Purpose:** To recognize outstanding graduate students in the areas of agricultural sciences, natural resources, nutrition and health sciences, textiles, clothing and design and family and consumer sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Procedures:**

Students meeting the following criteria shall be eligible for this award:

a. Candidates shall be graduate students at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), AAFCS accredited departments of the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS), and the College of Engineering and Technology when majoring in Biological Systems Engineering or Agricultural Engineering.

b. Candidates shall have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their teaching, research, or extension endeavors, and great promise for future academic contributions in their field of expertise.

c. Candidates are not required to hold a graduate assistantship to be eligible.

The winner will be awarded $500 at the GSD Initiation and Awards Banquet on January 31, 2016.

Nominees should submit a current résumé/cv, a listing of UNL graduate course work and grades received, and no more than 3 letters of recommendation to Robert Wright (rwright2@unl.edu), GSD Membership Coordinator, by November 21, 2016. Applications must be submitted electronically.

**Previous Award Winners:**

- 2009 – Tim Husen, Entomology
- 2010 – Jessie Fernandez, Plant Pathology
- 2011 – Chandirasegaran Massilamany, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- 2012 – Aruna Gangaplara, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- 2013 – Daran Rudnick, Biological Systems Engineering
- 2014 – Vivek Sharma, Biological Systems Engineering
- 2015 – Kevin Sargent, Animal Science

**Evaluation Criteria:**

**Scholarship** (as evidenced by performance in course work, and research, teaching, extension accomplishments). – 60 points

These accomplishments can be demonstrated by journal publications and written articles (published or submitted), presentations at professional society meetings, student course evaluations for teaching, instructional materials developed (classroom teaching/laboratory/extension), extension programming activities, grants written and/or submitted for funding, special honors and recognitions achieved.

**Letters of recommendation** - 30 points

**Service** (within UNL, professional societies, community outreach) - 10 points