

## **Doctoral Student Award for Academic Achievement**

The faculty is invited to submit nominations for the Doctoral Student Award for Academic Achievement. Nominations should be based on the criteria set forth in the description of the fellowship.

If you wish to make a nomination, please submit the name of the graduate student and a brief statement in support of your nomination to the Department Graduate Office by **February 15**. Students may also ask a faculty member to nominate them or self-nominate.

They, the student nominee, will be required to submit all materials to the Department Graduate Office by **March 1**.

### **Criteria:**

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese awards a Doctoral Student Award for Academic Achievement annually to a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding quality in graduate coursework in our department and is making timely progress towards a graduate degree in the department. The student must have completed the M.A. degree and at least **two** semesters but no more than six semesters of coursework for the Ph.D. degree by the end of the previous Fall semester. Any student who received an M.A. degree from another institution must have completed at least **two** semesters of coursework in our department by the end of the previous Fall semester to be eligible for the award.

Preference will be given to students who, at the time the award is being used, will be in their final semester of coursework for the PhD or have completed coursework and are preparing for or taking their preliminary exams.

### **Purpose:**

The award seeks to identify a superior graduate student who has completed the M.A. degree and who will be taking preliminary exams or continue to take graduate courses and prepare for preliminary examinations during the period of the award. A student who expects to take the preliminary examinations during the Spring semester of the award year is eligible for nomination.

### **Award:**

The Academic Year Fellowship reduces the basic three-course teaching AI appointment to two courses during one academic year. The recipient of the award may not accept any additional employment beyond the two-course contract during the academic year.

The recipient of the award will be selected by the committee from the nominations. One award will be made each academic year. Preference will be given to students who have not previously received this award.

Students must provide the following supporting documents:

#### **1. Curriculum vitae**

Include a list of graduate courses (title, professor and grade) and professional activities.

#### **2. Copy of a research paper**

Select the paper which best exemplifies the quality of your graduate work in this department.

#### **3. Candidate's statement (not to exceed 2 pages)**

Present cogently your intellectual formation and the direction of your projected research.