

2025 Graduate Education Week Student Awards

Outstanding Doctoral Student - Interdisciplinary Program Nomination Form

(one nomination per program)

Student's name _____

Graduate program director _____
(Please print name)

Signature of graduate program director _____
(Signature verifies that student is program's nominee)

Note that students eligible for the Interdisciplinary Award are not also eligible for College Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

AWARD CRITERIA

- Must be enrolled in an interdisciplinary program
- Must demonstrate clarity, effectiveness and originality of interdisciplinary ideas through academic efforts that expand and promote the concept of interdisciplinary studies across a minimum of two academic colleges
- Only Ph.D. students enrolled full-time at the time of the nomination are eligible

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS/CHECKLIST

- Completed nomination form
- Nomination letter from the major professor (not to exceed two pages) addressing the novel interdisciplinary activity through academic efforts, clearly identifying contribution across a minimum of two academic colleges
- Support letter from a committee member or other collaborator from a different discipline, highlighting interdisciplinary nature of the work
- Nomination packet may not exceed 4 pages including nomination form

Submit nominations through the following survey:

<https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/awards25>

All information required for the award will be entered on the survey. This signed form and all nomination requirements (in the above listed order) must be downloaded as a PDF package as part of the survey.

Deadline: January 24, 2025

For more information or assistance, contact Graduate School Student Services at 540-231-9561 or email grads@vt.edu (type GEW Awards in the subject line.)

A Graduate School committee will select the winner. The Graduate School will disburse an honorarium of \$500 to the student's account, and will recognize all winners during

Graduate Education Week, March 24-28, 2025.

An announcement about the winner will be sent to VT News and posted to various VT social media.