



2026 Graduate Education Week Student Awards

Outstanding Doctoral Student Notification Form

from the College of:

- ☐ Agriculture and Life Sciences
- ☐ Architecture, Arts and Design
- ☐ Pamplin College of Business
- ☐ Engineering

- ☐ Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
- ☐ Natural Resources and Environment
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Veterinary Medicine

Note: One notification per college. Each college should inform departments of its timeline to allow sufficient time for departments to submit nominations to the college for review and selection of the top doctoral student.

Student's name: _____

College Dean or designee _____
(Please print name)

Signature of college dean or designee _____
(Signature is required to confirm student as college's selection)

Graduate student must be enrolled in a doctoral program at the time of nomination. Each college must set its own submission guidelines. Graduate School guidelines for outstanding performance by a doctoral student: Demonstrated excellence in one or more of the tripartite missions of Virginia Tech (teaching, research, and outreach). Clear documentation of the exceptional achievement(s) should be provided.

Graduate School Notification Requirements:

- Completed notification form with signature of college dean or designee confirming selection of one doctoral student
- Description of the specific criteria used by the college to select the top doctoral student (submitted on survey)
- One-paragraph summary describing student's achievements (submitted on survey)

Submit final selection through the following form:

<https://viriniatech.questionpro.com/college26>

Deadline: February 13, 2026

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

The Graduate School will disburse an honorarium of \$500 to the selected student's account, and will recognize all winners during

Graduate Education Week, March 23-27, 2026.

The Graduate School will send an announcement about the winner to VT News and various VT social media.