

GSS 2019 Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award

Please submit the completed form, essay and letters of recommendation via email to gss-shanklin@bgsu.edu on or before 11:59 pm, Monday, March 4, 2019.

Nominee's Name: _____ RA1 RA2

Nominee's Degree/Program: _____ Nominee's Email Address: _____

Assistantship Site: _____

Campus Address for Assistantship Site: _____

Name of Main Supervisor for Assistantship: _____

Your (Nominator's) Name: _____ Your Relationship to Nominee: _____

Essay: Please submit as .doc or .docx files only.

***The body of the essay should NOT include the nominee's name.**

Write a short essay (**250-500 words**) that details why this student (or yourself) deserves the RA1 or 2 Award. Specifically, please address how this nominee demonstrates the following in their work at their assistantship:

1. A positive contribution to and relationship with the BGSU community.
 2. Outstanding service to the group or individuals the nominee assists.
 3. How the nominee demonstrate **at least one** of the following attributes in their assistantship work.
- **Innovation and Initiative** – Demonstration of resourcefulness in the assistantship site, including the formulation and implementation of creative new ideas. The emphasis of these ideas should be to improve the work environment, to save time and/or money, to better serve students or faculty, and in general, to contribute to the better overall efficiency and effectiveness of the department/division/university.
 - **Performance** – “Above and beyond” that required by the position, e.g., accepting special projects, additional responsibilities such as committee work, giving extra time to effectively complete an administrative or research assignment, service on university committees, or recognition brought to the department/division/university through their performance.
 - **Relationship/Service to the University Community** – Effectively interact with faculty, staff, or students in providing services that promote growth and harmony in their respective department or division, and in general campus relations.

Letters of Recommendation:

One should come from the nominee’s main supervisor and one from an individual who has worked with the nominee in the nominee's assistantship. The nominator can also write a letter of recommendation in addition to the essay if they are the supervisor or a co-worker. Letters of support should include applicant's name and the award you’re applying for in the subject line (e.g. “Outstanding Research Assistant-2 Award: Mary Jones”). The body of the letter should not contain the applicant’s name.