**Graduate Student of the Year Award**

The Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Innovation kindly requests nominations for the Graduate Student of the Year Award. Eligibility requirements are listed below. Please email nominations of a deserving graduate student by the due date specified to [unkgradoffice@unk.edu](mailto:unkgradoffice@unk.edu).

This award recognizes an exemplary graduate student for their outstanding contributions to their fields and academic achievements. Winners receive a certificate and nominal award.

**Deadline:** Nomination: March 1, 2024

To nominate a student please email the graduate office with the student and primary mentor's name to unkgradoffice@unk.edu

Nominee Documents Submitted: Due March 22, 2024

The nominee and mentor will be notified of the nomination.  The application will be sent providing details of materials requested which should be submitted to the UNK Office of Graduate Studies & Academic Innovation at unkgradoffice@unk.edu

**Eligibility**

Nominee must be graduate students in good standing (full- or part-time) and have a minimum GPA of 3.00. Nominee also needs to demonstrate:

* Contribution to knowledge through research, teaching, and scholarship
* Involvement in professional organizations
* Demonstrated characteristics such as adaptability, creativity, curiosity, integrity, professionalism, reliability, and responsibility

Students nominated will be notified and the following items will be requested for submission to be reviewed by the Graduate Studies award committee. The award winner will be announced at the UNK Student Research Day in the Spring. All documents must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies and Academic Innovation by the due date specified to be eligible for review.

**Selection Criteria**

The selection committee will review the following materials:

1. Personal statement outlining:
   1. Contributions to research, teaching, and scholarship
   2. Professional involvement and/or service
2. Letter of reference (1-page limit)
   1. UNK Faculty/Staff
3. Resume or vitae outlining nominee’s experiences, achievements, and contributions in the following areas:
   1. Presentations, performances, or publications
   2. Award or recognitions
   3. Service and extracurricular activities

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**Student Name: Email:**

**Department:**

**Graduate Degree(s):**

**GPA: Projected Graduation Date:**

**Attachments:**

Personal statement outlining contributions to teaching, service, scholarship

Current Vita showcasing teaching, service, scholarship (e.g. awards, recognitions, service/extracurricular activities, presentations, performances, publications).

Letters of reference from a UNK Faculty member (1)