

Annual Physics Graduate Research Awards

- Up to three awards for graduate student research may be given out every year by the Physics department. These awards should recognize outstanding performance in research that results in one or more peer-reviewed publications.
- One of the three awards will be the K-State Physics Outstanding Graduate Student Researcher Award.
- In addition, up to two other awards may be given for Meritorious Graduate Student Research.

Eligibilities:

- Only physics graduate students in good academic standing are eligible.
- Good academic standing implies on-schedule progress towards the final degree.
- A winner of the “Outstanding” award may not be nominated for another “Outstanding” award in the two years that follow.

Award Recipient Selection Procedure:

- Candidates for the award must be nominated by a K-State physics faculty member. Nominating letters are limited to two pages; if sent by e-mail not to exceed two pages in length if printed.
- The nominating letter must include a list of the presentations and publications most pertinent to the candidate’s research.
- The nominating letter must clearly specify the contributions of the graduate student researcher to the presentations or publications under consideration.
- The nominating letter must indicate the publication status of the research under consideration.
- **Nominating letters must be received by the Physics Department Head by March 1.**
- The Graduate Research Awards Committee will choose the top three candidates by April 15.
- The final step in the selection of awards will consist of a public poster session by the top three candidates at a date chosen by the Department Head to best highlight excellent graduate research in the physics department.

- The Graduate Research Awards committee will select from the top three candidates, with one person chosen for the “Outstanding” award, and the others receiving “Meritorious” awards. No ranking will be assigned to the “Meritorious” awards. The Awards committee will use its best professional judgment in establishing winners. This judgment must be based on the published research of the nominees, the nomination letters of the sponsors, and the poster presentations by the nominees. The Awards committee will not solicit or consider other written evaluations of the nominees’ research.
- The Graduate Research Awards Committee can limit the number of research awards given to any number less than three if it deems that not enough qualified nominations exist for a given year.