The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Committee on Graduate Studies

Call for nominations for the

2014 Outstanding Thesis Award
&
2014 Outstanding Research Project Award

The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences' Committee on Graduate Studies has established two annual awards for Master's degree students. They are the Outstanding Thesis Award and the Outstanding Research Project (Non-Thesis) Award. The awards carry a $500 stipend. For more information and profiles of recent recipients, please visit http://clas.ku.edu/coga/awards-funding/masters-awards.

Eligibility:
Students must be nominated by their thesis or research project advisor. Any student who earned a master’s degree in in the College in 2014 is eligible (Spring 14, Summer 14, or Fall 14).

Nomination Instructions:
Each department may nominate one master’s student for each award.

Each nomination must include the following:
1. A letter of support prepared and signed by the student's advisor and endorsed by the Director of Graduate Studies or Chair of the department. This letter must address:
   • The overall quality of thesis or research project (e.g., research design, organization of material, clarity of writing, interpretation of findings)
   • The methodological rigor and/or innovation of the thesis or research project
   • The significance and/or originality of the thesis or research project to the field: Why is the work "outstanding" by disciplinary standards?
   The letter may also address the following, as appropriate:
   • The trans-disciplinary/interdisciplinary nature of the research
   • Resulting publications, presentations, and performances (or promise thereof)
   • Receipt of departmental honors or other awards

2. An abstract of the thesis or non-thesis project
3. A copy of the thesis or research project document

Deadline and Nomination Procedure:
Nomination materials must be submitted as PDF to Emily Dodson at coga@ku.edu by Noon (12 pm) on Friday, March 6, 2015. Late nominations will not be accepted. If you have questions or would like more information, please email or call 864-4201.