



Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown (0325)  
Blacksburg, VA 24061

Phone: 540/231-6691

## **Graduate Student of the Year Award 2007-2008 Application Packet**

The Graduate Student of the Year Award recognizes one male and one female graduate student for their: (1) outstanding contributions, (2) academic achievements, and (3) commitment to diversity.

The Graduate Student of the Year Award is based on the following criteria:

- Involvement in professional organizations, campus activities, and the graduate community.
- Contribution to knowledge through research, teaching, and scholarship.
- Contribution to the graduate community at Virginia (including all campuses and extension programs).
- Commitment to diversity.

Minimum eligibility requirements must be met in order to apply or be nominated for this award. All candidates must be graduate students in good standing at Virginia Tech (full-time or part-time, including all campuses and extension programs) and have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

To be considered, graduate and professional students must either apply or be nominated for the award. A complete application/nomination packet consists of the following:

- Application form
- Brief resume (no more than 3 pages)
- Essay response (no more than 2 pages, double-spaced)
- Two letters of reference
  - One by an academic faculty member at Virginia Tech
  - One from an individual who has personal knowledge of the candidate's character and involvements (e.g., administrator, supervisor, club advisor, etc.)

**Applications, including letters of reference in sealed envelopes, should be submitted to the Graduate School, Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown (0325), Attn: Monika Gibson, Graduate Award.**

The Graduate School of Virginia Tech administers this award. Finalists will be announced at the USLA ceremony in the spring semester and at the annual Graduate Student Awards Banquet. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Monika Gibson, Director of Graduate Student Services, gibsonm@vt.edu.

**All applications are due to the Graduate School, Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown (0325), by no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, February 1, 2008.** Applications received after this deadline will NOT be considered.



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## Graduate Student of the Year Award Application Form

### I. Biographical Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree level:  Doctoral  
 Master's

### II. Experiences, Achievements, and Contributions

Please attach a brief resume (limited to no more than 3 pages) to this application form outlining your experiences, achievements, and contributions in the following areas:

- Presentations/performances
- Publications/installations
- Scholastic awards and recognitions
- Service and extracurricular involvement
- Commitment to diversity.

### III. Essay

Please respond to the following in no more than 2 typewritten, double-spaced pages. Be sure to attach your response to this application form.

*Describe how you have promoted diversity on Virginia Tech's campus and/or the surrounding community. In your response, be sure to briefly describe how you define diversity.*

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**Graduate Student of the Year Award  
Non-Academic Reference Form**

**I. Applicant**

Fill in your name and the name and address of your reference below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of reference

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail of reference

Please read the following statement and then give this form to the individual who will serve as your reference.

*Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), a student enrolled at Virginia Tech has access to his or her education records. The act also allows an applicant to waive the right to future access, but prohibits a school from requiring an applicant to waive this right.*

I have read and understand this statement of the federal law governing my right of access to this reference form. I hereby waive my right of future access to the contents of this form and authorize my reference and his/her institution to provide Virginia Tech with all appropriate evaluations and information that may be required in support of my application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**II. To the person named above as reference**, the above-named applicant has applied for the *Virginia Tech Graduate Student of the Year Award*. Your comments and candid evaluation will help us greatly in our efforts to choose students who are most deserving of this honor. Please complete this form, attach a letter of reference, and return all materials in a sealed envelope either to the applicant or directly to: The Graduate School, Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown (0325), Blacksburg, VA 24061, Attn: Monika Gibson, Graduate Award no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 1, 2008.

*On a separate page, please give us your candid evaluation of this applicant, with particular emphasis on his or her involvement in professional and campus organizations/activities, leadership ability, and commitment to diversity.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Graduate Student of the Year Award**  
Academic Reference Form

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's address

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