



California State University
SAN MARCOS

OFFICE OF GRADUATE
STUDIES AND RESEARCH

2023-2024 Graduate Dean's Award

The Graduate Dean's Award acknowledges the importance of the master's degree at California State University San Marcos by recognizing the accomplishments of an outstanding master's degree recipient. Graduate study involves both greater independence and closer intellectual interaction with faculty mentors as the student develops focused knowledge and expertise in a subject area. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated mastery in advanced coursework as well as engagement in independent study and research, scholarship, or creative activity.

The name of the student selected by the Dean of Graduate Studies as the recipient of the Graduate Dean's Award will be forwarded to the Office of the President. The awardee will be honored at a special recognition event hosted by the President on May 1, 2024 from 5:00-7:00pm in the McMahan House. Honorable mentions will be acknowledged on the OGSR website.

Award Criteria

- Completion of master's degree requirements in Summer 2023, Fall 2023, or Spring 2024
- Minimum graduate cumulative GPA of 3.5
- Departmental and/or college recommendation (only one nomination per graduate program will be accepted)
- Evidence of outstanding scholarship in graduate coursework
- Evidence of outstanding achievement on the master's culminating experience (thesis, project, or comprehensive examination)
- Achievement in academic, professional, and service activities

Nomination Process

Nomination packets are due to the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research via email (gradstudies@csusm.edu) by **Friday, March 15, 2024 at 5pm**. Completed packets must include:

- Student's Personal Statement (maximum 3 pages) describing:
 - Significant educational accomplishments and career goals.
 - Any obstacles that were overcome on the path to the graduate degree.
 - One critical graduate school experience and its impact on the student's education.
- Letter of Recommendation from the student's faculty advisor commenting on the special achievement of the student's culminating experience (thesis, project, or comprehensive examination)
- Student's Curriculum Vitae/Resume that includes academic, professional, employment, and service history

Questions may be directed to Nam Nguyen via email at gradstudies@csusm.edu