

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

2008 - 09 STUDENT  
EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Graduate School is requesting nominations for the following graduate student awards. Nomination requirements can be found at [http://www.grads.vt.edu/academics/honors\\_awards/graduate\\_awards/](http://www.grads.vt.edu/academics/honors_awards/graduate_awards/)

Graduate Awards Administered by the Graduate School	Award	Graduate School Deadline
Graduate Man and Woman of the Year	Plaque and \$500 award each	January 30
Outstanding Graduate Student in Interdisciplinary Programs (doctoral)	Plaque and \$500	February 6
Outstanding Dissertation Award (in math, sciences, and engineering)	Plaque and \$1000	February 6
Outstanding Dissertation Award (in social sciences, business, and humanities)	Plaque and \$1000	February 6
Graduate Student Service Excellence Award	Plaque and \$1000	February 6
Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award	Plaque and \$1000	February 6
2008-2009 Outstanding Graduate Student by College at the (a) master's and (b) doctoral level.  <b>See Page 2, Graduate Awards Administered by the College of Natural Resources</b>	Plaque and \$500	February 20
Outstanding Graduate Alumni Achievement Award (presented during the 2009 Spring Commencement ceremony)	Plaque	February 6

Graduate Awards Administered by the College of Natural Resources	Award	CNR Deadline
<p>2008-2009 Outstanding Graduate Student by College at the (a) master's and (b) doctoral level.</p> <p>Each department will identify their outstanding M.S. and Ph.D. nominee. Interested students should submit their credentials to their Department Head by <b>December 31, 2008</b>. Students are eligible for the 2008-2009 award if they were enrolled at any time during that academic year. The College will recognize these two students at the Honors Banquet on March 31, 2009. <b>A CV and nomination letter, signed by the Department Head for each departmental nominee (1 M.S. and 1 Ph.D.), are due to Dean Stauffer, chair, CNR Student Policy and Affairs Committee, by January 15, 2009.</b></p>	Plaque and \$500	February 20 is the deadline that our M.S. and Ph.D. selections are due to the Graduate School
<p>The Robert L. and Esther S. Youngs Award for Excellence in Written Contribution to Natural Resources. This award is made annually to a graduate student who is enrolled in the College, or who has received a graduate degree in the preceding year, who authors a scientific document that demonstrates excellent writing and effective communication, reflecting how their graduate research advances the understanding of any aspect of the management, utilization, conservation, or socio-economic effects of natural resources. <b>CNR faculty nomination and the scientific document are due to the Research, Extension, and International Affairs Committee, Attention: Chip Frazier, by January 31, 2009.</b></p> <p>Please refer to the link below to find out about criteria for the scientific document, nomination requirements, etc.:  <a href="http://www.cnr.vt.edu/cnr_pdf/Youngs%20Scientific%20Writing%20Award.pdf">http://www.cnr.vt.edu/cnr_pdf/Youngs%20Scientific%20Writing%20Award.pdf</a></p>	Certificate and \$500	February 20, 2009
<p>A. B. Massey Honorarium. The award is presented to four graduate students, one in each of the academic departments of the College, who have displayed outstanding academic and professional leadership. <b>Please see your advisor if you wish to be nominated for this award.</b></p>	Plaque	February 20, 2009

## Other Opportunities

### Nominations for Cunningham Doctoral Scholars

As an integral part of our recruitment efforts to attract outstanding doctoral students to Virginia Tech, the Graduate School is pleased to open the competition for the 2009 Cunningham Doctoral Scholars Program. Please review the guidelines and timelines available at [http://www.grads.vt.edu/financial/for\\_departments/gf\\_funding.html](http://www.grads.vt.edu/financial/for_departments/gf_funding.html)

### Graduate Congressional Scholarship (Spring 2009)

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the availability of a one-semester Graduate Congressional Scholarship for students currently enrolled at Virginia Tech. The scholar will be able to participate in the everyday work of Congressman Rick Boucher's office. While specific duties will depend on the scholar's experience and interests, as well as the needs of Congressman Boucher's office, duties will likely include constituent services, special studies, and support of on-going office activities such as telecommunications, science and technology, social issues, labor and education.

The scholarship is open to master's and doctoral students in all fields. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate program at Virginia Tech and have completed at least 18 credits of graduate coursework. The ideal candidate should possess excellent writing skills. The successful applicant will receive one semester's tuition and stipend up to \$15,000 (combined).

Applicants should submit a 250-word statement of career goals, a current resume, and two letters of support, at least one of which must be from a Virginia Tech faculty member in the student's graduate degree program. **Please submit applications or nominations by December 15, 2008** to Dr. Karen P. DePauw, Ph.D., Vice President and Dean of Graduate Education, Mail Code 0325, Blacksburg, VA 24061.