# College of Education

**Diversity, Equity and Social Justice (DESJ) Graduate Student Award**

**Purpose**

This award recognizes a graduate student in the College of Education who demonstrates commitment to the advancement of diversity, equity, and social justice (DESJ) issues in the areas of discovery, learning, and/or engagement. The awardee recognizes the collective benefit of building more inclusive and supportive communities. One of the signature areas of the COE is focused on addressing issues of diversity, equity and social justice. In addition, Purdue University, as a public, state-supported land-grant institution with global impact, is committed to furthering the goals of diversity and inclusion. In an effort to promote and support the better understanding of DESJ issues, this award seeks to recognize those who have contributed to this important work, as well as inspire others to join.

**Award**: $500 cash award and a plaque

# Deadlines

* Dean’s Office solicits nominations in **December**.
* Nominations are due to [coeawards@purdue.edu](mailto:coeawards@purdue.edu) on the **second Friday in February**.
* ***All nomination letters are to be submitted electronically in PDF format.***
* COE Awards Committee submits winner to the Dean by the **last Friday in February**.
* Award is presented at the Awards Ceremony following the April COE faculty meeting.

# Application Procedures

The nominee’s contributions to the advancement of DESJ issues as described in the nomination materials will be considered. Nominations and self-nominations are welcome. **All the application materials need to be in one pdf file before submission**. Nomination materials include:

* Statement of nomination (or self-nomination) (2 pages maximum), including
  + Name and position of nominator
  + Name and position of person being nominated
  + Description of the nominee’s work in the area of DESJ addressing at least two of the following categories:
    1. Creating an inclusive and supportive unit/college/ campus climate
    2. Implementing effective teaching and learning strategies that promote DESJ
    3. Advancing the DESJ scholarship
    4. Increasing the engagement and/or educational opportunities of the campus and/or community as a whole
* The Nominee’s curriculum vitae

# Eligibility

* COE Graduate Student

*Proposed by the COE Diversity Committee*

*Approved by the Dean and COE Awards Committee: 11/20*