



The Richard A. Zdanis Research Fellowship Award Nomination Information and Form

To: **All Department Chairs and Program Directors**

From: **Charles E. Rozek, Vice Provost and Dean
School of Graduate Studies**

Date: **February 11, 2011**

The School of Graduate Studies is pleased once again to announce that we are accepting nominations for the Zdanis Award which is a fellowship fund in honor of Provost and University Vice President Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Physics Richard A. Zdanis. The purpose of the fund is to provide \$5,000 in financial support to help Ph.D. candidates complete work on their dissertations.

The departmental Chair or program directors, in consultation with department faculty, designate the department's nominee for the Zdanis Award. Each academic department may nominate only one candidate. This award cannot supplant existing funding received by the student.

Nominees must have advanced to candidacy and be actively engaged in their research projects. To be eligible the nomination must receive an endorsement by the CWRU faculty member who serves as the doctoral student's research advisor and can articulate the student's academic promise. The endorsement must also include a statement as to the ways in which the project demonstrates the following: research creativity, the rationale for conducting the study, the research's importance for advancing knowledge in the student's field and the expected contribution of the research to the student's field of practice (if applicable). The research advisor should also provide a statement of why this fellowship will not supplant funding the student would otherwise receive and a list of current and pending research funding. In addition, the nominee must also submit a statement indicating the nature of their research and how the award could be used to enhance their research as well as furthering their personal and professional development after their receipt of the doctoral degree. Along with this statement, the nominee will need to submit a CV (2 pages maximum) giving a brief synopsis of relevant employment, teaching, research, publications and awards. Nominations and all supporting materials are to be emailed to denise.douglas@case.edu.

The deadline for submission of nominations is March 10, 2011.

**THE RICHARD A. ZDANIS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

NAME AND POSITION OF NOMINATOR: _____

COMMENTS:

In what ways are the following demonstrated for this nominee:

Academic promise: _____

Research Creativity: _____

Rationale for conducting the research: _____

Importance of research to advancing knowledge and contribution to field of practice

Why this fellowship will NOT supplant existing funding

Name of Principal Research Advisor

Signature

Date

**THE RICHARD A. ZDANIS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD
RESEARCH ADVISOR FUNDING**
(Please list both current and pending sources of funds)

**THE RICHARD A. ZDANIS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD
STUDENT STATEMENT**

(Please discuss the nature of your research and how the award could be used to enhance your research and further your personal and professional goals) (3 page maximum)

**THE RICHARD A. ZDANIS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AWARD
STUDENT CV**

**(Give a brief synopsis of relevant employment, teaching, research,
publications and awards) (2 page maximum)**