**The GSS Graduate Community Service Award Application**

*The GSS shall institute the annual awarding of the GSS Graduate Community Service Award ($500) to honor a graduate student who, through his or her exemplary service, has made a significant contribution to intellectual, cultural, and professional capital of the graduate student community at the University of Connecticut*

**Eligibility:**

1. Award candidates must:
   1. Be enrolled in a graduate-degree granting program at the University
   2. Be in good academic standing
   3. Have completed at least one full year of study at the University at the time of awarding.
2. Individuals ineligible to receive the award shall include:
   1. Current executive officers of the GSS
   2. Current Service Award Committee members
   3. The Graduate Student Representative to the Board of Trustees.
   4. Past award recipients
3. Preference for the award shall be given to:
   1. Nominees whose service to the graduate student community was primarily uncompensated and/or voluntary in nature

**Nomination Process:**

Nominations are open from March 1st to March 31st. Nominations may be submitted by graduate students, faculty, or staff of the University. Self-nominations will not be considered by the award committee. Please email completed applications to [jordan.rees@uconn.edu](mailto:jordan.rees@uconn.edu). Please make the subject line of the email “GSS Service Award Application”.

**Ineligible candidates:**

**GSS Executive Board (2015-2016)   Service Award Committee Members (2016)**Tony Patelunas, President                                         Thomas Briggs, Chair  
Michelle San Pedro, Vice President                         Nicholas Monto  
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Phillip Price, Parliamentarian

**Graduate Student BOT Representative (2014-2016)**  
Jeremy Jelliffe

**Application**

Please use the space provided. If more space is needed feel free to attach another document.

**Nominee Information**

Name: Click here to enter text.

Department: Click here to enter text.

Year in program: Click here to enter text.

Degree Program (eg. M.A. or Ph.D.) Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text.

**Applicant Information**

Name: Click here to enter text.

Please check the best that applies: Faculty  Staff  Student

Department: Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text.

**Questions**

In what capacity do you know nominee? Click here to enter text.

What is the nature of the nominee’s exemplary service? Click here to enter text.

**Nomination Letter / Letter of Support**

Please attach a 1-2 page letter answering the following questions:

* How has the nominee made a significant contribution to the intellectual, cultural, and/or professional capital of the University of Connecticut community?
* What is the character of the nominee and how are they an example to other graduate students?
* For each set of contributions, to the best of your knowledge, comment on whether the service work was uncompensated and/or voluntary.

**Supplemental Documents**

Feel free to attach any other relevant documents that you feel will be useful to our evaluations of the nominee.