

Department of Communication Awards for Excellence 2019-20

The Department of Communication offers awards for excellence in creative achievement (only MA students may apply) and research (PhD and MA students may apply). Each award comes with a check for \$300. See deadlines and details below.

Department of Communication Creative Achievement Award

All MA candidates with a concentration in Film and Video Production are eligible to apply for the annual Creative Achievement Award, which is given to a student who has demonstrated both the creative vision and the technical know-how to convey an idea or story effectively through the production of a motion picture.

Application Materials

1. A letter of nomination. This can come from a faculty member, a fellow student or the applicant (a self-nomination).
2. A recently completed (no earlier than academic year 2017-2018) film or video project in which the applicant played a major creative role, i.e. director, writer, cinematographer, etc.
3. A personal statement explaining the role of the applicant in the production of the work and an argument for its worthiness. (In the case of a self-nomination, #3 can be part of #1.)

Deadline: March 16, 2020; Submit all materials via email to Assistant Prof. Mr. Goodman (dgodman1@memphis.edu)

Department of Communication Research Award

All MA students with a concentration in Communication and all PhD students are eligible to apply for this annual award, which is given to a student who has demonstrated intellectual creativity in the development of research that brings, or potentially brings, meaningful insight to the discipline. This original research must reflect excellence in theoretical and analytical judgment. The committee will also look for clarity of writing and comprehensibility to readers outside the candidates' specialty.

Application Materials/Rules

1. A cover letter not to exceed two pages that provides your argument for why your submission should be considered for this award.
2. A letter of support no longer than one page. This must come from a COMM faculty member.
3. One recently completed work (no earlier than AY 2016-2017). Eligible projects include:
 - A completed unpublished essay
 - A published/in-press article, book chapter, or review essay in which you are the primary author
 - An MA culminating project that contributes to the Department's and University's mission to engage the community.
4. Candidate's who have won the award previously are eligible to apply again; in the event of a tie preference will be given to first-time applicants.

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