

2021-2022 University of Memphis Graduate Student Awards

Comm & Film Department Awards Committee

Drs. Hendrix (Chair), Johnson (on sabbatical), Matthews, Roy, and Professor Stallings

Department of Communication and Film Awards

Final due date for submitting Teaching Portfolio to advisors Mon 3/14/2022

✓ Immediately after Spring Break

**Final due date for advisors to submit nominations to Department Awards Committee
Mon 3/21/2022**

Department Awards Committee meets Mon 3-28-22

Selections to Ms. Camisha Smith Wed 3-30-22

Awards banquet date – tba

John Angus Campbell Teaching Award 2021-2022

Student is currently teaching in the Department of Communication and Film

MA

1. Student is in the second consecutive semester of teaching (excluding summer) or beyond.
2. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.50.

PhD

1. Student has taught for two consecutive semesters (excluding summer) and is in her/his third semester of teaching or beyond.
2. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.75

1. Faculty advisors will nominate graduate students for the award based on a review of their advisee(s) portfolio and teaching observation. For advisors with multiple advisees, the teaching observation may be handled by another faculty member.
2. No student may receive the award two years in a row. However, if a student has received the award s/he may be nominated again after a one-year hiatus.
3. Selection of the award winner will be based on the following basic criteria: a. statement of teaching philosophy; b. teaching observation; c. SETE scores; d. breadth of teaching experience; e. overall quality of the portfolio presentation.
4. The committee will provide each nominee with an evaluation of his/her portfolio.

Department of Communication & Film 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 2020-2021). 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. *Candidates 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.*

Department of Communication GAR Creative Achievement Award (honoring Professors Allison Graham, David Appleby, & Steven Ross)

Final due date for submitting application to Dr. Elja Roy Mon 3/14/2022

- ✓ Immediately after Spring Break

Department Awards Committee notified of selection by Mon 3-28-22

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 2020-2021) 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.

Graduate School Awards

University of Memphis Society, Inc. Doctoral Fellowship

Due directly to the Graduate School Deadline: Tues 3-15-22

The Graduate School and The University of Memphis are pleased to announce up to \$2,500 fellowship for a doctoral student who will be designated a University of Memphis Society, Inc. Fellow.

Award Criteria:

- Academic Achievement
- Brief personal essay discussing your professional goals and how the UMS Fellowship will help you attain those goals

Eligibility:

- The student must be a full-time graduate student
- The student must be currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program
- The student must demonstrate exceptional academic achievement
- The student must not have received this fellowship previously
- The student must be enrolled in classes Fall 2022

The nomination form can be found at this [link](#). All required documentation information can be found [here](#).

The First-Generation PhD/MFA Fellowship

Due directly to the Graduate School Deadline: Fri 3-25-22

The funds for the First-Generation PhD/MFA Fellowship Program are made available to The University of Memphis by the State of Tennessee. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide financial assistance to graduate students who are under-represented in their respective disciplines and who will become the first person in their immediate families to earn a doctoral degree. DMA students are also eligible.

In order to be eligible to apply, students must be:

- A resident of Tennessee
- Must be fully admitted into the graduate program by March 7, 2022
- Underrepresented in their discipline/major by gender or race
- First immediate family member to complete a doctoral or Master of Fine Arts degree program

Fellowship recipients must agree to the following:

- To enroll in at least 9 semester hours of graduate course work for the full-time option or 6 hours for the part-time option
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 in order to be eligible to continue the fellowship.

Award Information:

- **Full-Time Option (minimum of 9 hours per semester):** Tuition scholarship plus a \$6,000 stipend (\$750 per month for four months each semester)
- **Part-Time Option (6 hours per semester):** Tuition scholarship plus a \$1,000 stipend (\$500 per semester)

- **Award Period:** The fellowship is awarded for one academic year contingent upon the student maintaining each semester a 3.00 or higher grade point average.
- **Summer Support:** Summer support is contingent upon availability of funds and is not guaranteed.

All required documentation information can be found [here](#).

Part-Time Master's Graduate Fellowship

Comm & Film Department Awards Committee Fri 3-18-2022

Awards Committee Meets Fri 3-25-22

Selection due to Associate Dean Ryan Fisher by Tue 4-5-22

The Academic Fund of the University of Memphis provides funds to attract high caliber master's students who are only able to attend this university part-time and are thus unable to access many traditional forms of support.

Awardees will receive \$1,500 (\$750 per semester; this does not include a tuition scholarship) and be designated "Master's Fellow in (Department)". Up to 10 awards are available each academic year.

Eligibility:

- Students must be fully admitted to a graduate program by [May 1, 2022 for Fall 2022](#) competition.
- Students must not be previously enrolled in that program.

Nomination Process:

- Departments will recommend candidates to the Dean of their college or school. Determined by a competitive process at the college or school, each Dean will recommend students in ranked order to the Dean of the Graduate School.
- The recommendation consists of a completed Graduate School nomination form with the required supporting documentation and any other relevant materials required by the college or school.

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