



## Robert C. Anderson Memorial Award

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### Program Snapshot

<b>Title</b>	Robert C. Anderson Memorial Award
<b>Purpose</b>	In memory of Robert C. Anderson, former Vice President for Research and President of UGARF for excellence in research to a recent graduate of the UGA Graduate School.
<b>Deadlines</b>	First Tuesday in December
<b>Eligibility</b>	Recent graduate of the UGA Graduate School
<b>Amounts</b>	\$1,000 honorarium and certificate
<b>Questions?</b>	Jessica Hawks, <a href="mailto:jhawks@uga.edu">jhawks@uga.edu</a> , 706-542-5056

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### Program Description

As a memorial to Dr. Robert C. Anderson, former Vice President for Research and President of the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc., two awards to recent graduates of the University of Georgia Graduate School are made annually. Usually, although not necessarily, one award is made in the natural sciences and one in any other field. This award is sponsored by the University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. and applicants are reviewed by a University of Georgia faculty selection committee.

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### Eligibility Criteria

University of Georgia graduate students who received their terminal degree no more than two years prior to the award year (not calendar year of application) are eligible for nomination. The award year starts the January following the application submission.

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### Budget/Funding

The award consists of an honorarium of \$1,000 and certificate. The recipients will be recognized at the UGARF Research Awards Banquet in the following spring.

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### Application Procedures and Documentation

Nominations are made by the nominee's major professor and department head. The application consists of the following sections:

- Cover page
- Cover letter from nominee's major professor
- Nominee's curriculum vitae
- Evidence of accomplishment
- Three letters of recommendation (with at least one from outside the University of Georgia)

The material submitted to the selection committee must permit the committee, after selection of the

awardees, to convey the significance of the research to the public and make apparent to scholars the excellence of the research accomplishments.

Please submit the PDF application electronically via email attachment to [ovprip@uga.edu](mailto:ovprip@uga.edu) or PDF file on CD sent through campus mail to The Office of the Vice President for Research c/o Jessica Hawks, 650 BOYD GSRC.

Please name the nomination file as [Last Name], [First Name] RCA. For example, the nomination for John Smith would be named as "Smith, John RCA." Please label all separate attachments clearly.

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### **Application Deadlines**

Application deadline is 5:00 the first Tuesday in December.

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### **Evaluation Criteria and Procedures**

This award reflects an outstanding record of research accomplishment carried out as part of a candidate's graduate studies and during the period immediately following receipt of the terminal degree. The selection committee will look for originality, creativity and productivity. Factors to be considered will also include the scope and difficulty of the research, degree of innovation and independent thought, development of new ideas, techniques and methodology, and the significance of the candidate's research to his or her field.

The Office of the Vice President for Research appoints a selection committee whose members have established scholarly records. The Dean of the Graduate School appoints one additional member. The committee members, at their discretion, may seek additional consultation.

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### **Award Procedures and Conditions**

Awards are presented annually. However, if there is a lack of outstanding candidates, an award may not be granted.

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### **FAQ**

*I want to submit an application for a candidate in the 2008 December deadline for the 2009 award year. The student graduated in May 2006. Is the graduate eligible? (Dates are given as illustration and example.)*

No. You must have graduated within the two years prior to the award year (January 2009) and not the calendar year of the application submission (December 2008). For the 2009 award year, anyone that graduated anytime in 2007 or 2008 is eligible.

*Can I self-nominate?*

The nomination needs to come from the nominee's major professor and department head.