

**The GSS Graduate Community Service Award Application**

*The GSS shall institute the annual awarding of the GSS Graduate Community 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:**

Award candidates must:

* Be enrolled in a graduate-degree granting program at the University
* Be in good academic standing
* Have completed at least one full year of study at the University at the time of awarding

Individuals ineligible to receive the award shall include:

* Current executive officers of the GSS
* Current Service Award Committee members
* The Graduate Student Representative of the Board of Trustees
* Past award recipients

Preference for the award shall be given to:

* Past award recipients
* Nominees whose service to the entire graduate community was primarily uncompensated and/or voluntary in nature

**Nomination Process:**

Nominations are open from **February 10th to March 10th, 2025**. 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 Israt, the award committee chair at GSSCommDir@uconn.edu. Please make the subject line of the email "GSS Service Award Application for (nominee's name).”

**Ineligible candidates:**

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| **GSS Executive Board (2024-2025)** | **Service Award Committee** |
| President |  |
| Alaa Selim, Vice President |  |
| Maham Liaqat, Treasurer |  |
| Gaurav Gupta, Communications Director |  |
| Leo Gold, Activities Director |  |
| Noah Kravette, Parliamentarian |  |

**Graduate Student BOT Representative**

**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.