

**College of Pharmacy
Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Policies and Guidelines**

Purpose: To acknowledge each year the exceptional academic and research accomplishments achieved by graduating doctoral students in the College of Pharmacy.

Eligibility: Doctoral students who have earned their Ph.D. within a given academic year are automatically eligible for this award. The award will be given at the end of the Spring semester at the College of Pharmacy Awards Ceremony. Students who have graduated in the preceding Fall Semester and have left ULM are still eligible to receive this award.

Candidate Evaluation: Eligible candidates for this award will be evaluated based on their academic and research performance during their doctoral training at ULM. The Graduate Studies Committee in the College of Pharmacy will be responsible for evaluating the candidates and selecting the most deserving winner of the award.

Evaluation Criteria and Priority Calculations

A. Number of Publications/Individual Predoctoral Fellowships (70% priority)

First author peer reviewed:	score = number x 1.0
First author non-peer reviewed:	score = number x 0.3
Co-author peer reviewed:	score = number x 0.2
Co-author non-peer reviewed	score = number x 0.1
First Author Presentation (National)	score = number x 0.3
First Author Presentation (Regional)	score = number x 0.2
Co-Author Presentation (National)	score = number x 0.1
Co-Author Presentation (Regional)	score = number x 0.1
Individual Predoctoral Fellowships	score = number x 0.5

$$\text{Final Score} = \text{Accumulative Score} \times 7$$

(Presentations at the ULM Research Symposium or similar local meetings will not be counted)

B. Academic Performance (20% priority)

$$\text{Final Score} = \text{GPA} \times 2$$

C. Character, Awards, Service (10% priority)

This is a subjective performance evaluation based on letters of recommendation that address a student's performance in teaching, leadership, attitude, mentoring, awards, honors, etc. The committee will give the student a score between 0-10, based on performance.

$$\text{Final Score} = \text{Character Score} \times 1$$

The Graduate Studies Committee will make the final decision in selecting the winner of the award. Winners of the award will be given an award plaque and a check for \$100.