



The Graduate School
Sam Houston State University

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Thesis, Dissertation, and Capstone Project Award
Nomination Form

Directions: The Graduate School will award graduate students who write outstanding theses, dissertations, and capstone projects. If it is a creative thesis (i.e., Dance, Music, Digital Media), a video of the project may be submitted in lieu of a written thesis.

Graduate students are eligible for Thesis, Dissertation, and Capstone Project Awards if they submit a complete nomination packet to The Graduate School via email, fax, or in person by the deadline: **February 1st**.

A nomination packet is considered complete if it includes the following:

- (1) Nomination form with the Thesis/Dissertation Chair's or Capstone Project Supervisor's signature;
- (2) A copy of the finalized thesis, dissertation, or capstone project;
- (3) A 250-500 word Statement of Explanation in a separate document, in which the student describes his/her research in non-technical language and addresses one or more of the following questions:

How is this research original? In what way(s) will this research benefit or impact the discipline or community? Why did you select this topic, and how has your research or creative project contributed to your professional development and self-discipline?

Please complete the remainder of this form.

Student's Name _____

Sam ID _____

Student Graduate Date _____

Title of Thesis, Dissertation, or Capstone Project

Thesis/Dissertation Chair's or Capstone Supervisor's Signature

On this page, the Thesis/Dissertation Chair or the Capstone Project Supervisor has the option of providing written support for the Thesis/Dissertation/Capstone Project Award nominee. Any comments made by the Thesis/Dissertation Chair or Capstone Supervisor will be taken into consideration by the Selection Committee.

Thesis/Dissertation Chair or Capstone Project Supervisor Comments: