2020 Ralph H. Kummler Award for Distinguished Achievement in Graduate Student Research

In memory of the late Dean Emeritus Ralph H. Kummler, the College of Engineering has established the Ralph H. Kummler Distinguished Achievement Award in Graduate Student Research to recognize distinguished research accomplishments of engineering Ph.D. students. The award(s) will be presented to up to two College of Engineering Ph.D. students annually. Previous Kummler Awardees are not eligible to apply. The award will consist of $1,000, together with a recognition plaque that will be presented during the Annual College of Engineering Honors Convocation.

College of Engineering Ph.D. students may submit applications for this distinguished award by providing the following materials. All portions of the application must be typed in a minimum of 12 point font – nothing smaller.

1. Cover page (template below)
2. A personal statement describing applicant’s education background, career objective, research experience and accomplishments - 2 pages maximum (20%)
3. A brief description of the thesis research project and the relationship to the applicant’s professional development – 1 page maximum (20%)
4. A list of academic and research accomplishments at Wayne State University (GPA, assistantships, fellowships, awards, refereed research publications (with impact factors) and presentations, conference proceeding papers (conference ranking and/or acceptance rate, when appropriate) – 2 page maximum (40%)
5. A copy of applicant’s 2018-19 annual Ph.D. student review form – mandatory
6. Three letters of recommendation from faculty members. One of the recommendation letters should be from a faculty member outside the applicant’s home department. Recommendation letters should be sent via email directly to the Office of Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies (OADR@eng.wayne.edu) (20%)

The application package is limited to a maximum of 7 pages and must be submitted as a single pdf (excluding recommendation letters, which will be submitted directly to the Office of the Associate Dean for Research at OADR@eng.wayne.edu) on or before 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2020. Please note that letters of recommendation are also due by 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 2, 2020. Please submit your application using the form found at https://forms.wayne.edu/5e15e0bd4bfe1

The College’s Research Advisory Committee will review completed applications and will recommend awardees to the Dean. It is anticipated that up to two awards will be given every year. However, depending on the quality of the applications, the Research Advisory Committee reserves the rights to recommend an appropriate number of award(s), if any, for each year.

Application packages which are not completed or do not follow the required page limits will not be reviewed.
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Cover Page

Applicant name:

Applicant department:

Applicant Access ID:

Thesis Advisor(s):

Title of Ph.D. Thesis:

Applicant’s Signature: ______________________ Date _____________

Advisor’s Signature: ______________________ Date: _____________

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