2016 Great Plains-CESU Graduate Student Award

This is the first student recognition award issued by the Great Plains-CESU. This award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by graduate students involved in Great Plains-CESU projects.

AWARD
The winner of the award will be presented at the 2017 Great Plains-CESU meeting in February. The awardee will have the opportunity to give a presentation of the project they worked on. The awardee will also receive a letter of recognition from the Great Plains-CESU Director.

CRITERIA
The criteria used to select award recipients are broad and flexible, but generally fall into the following categories:

• The student has delivered an outstanding service or product, such as exceptionally research project or well-written thesis or other product.
• The student’s work has had a direct and exceptional impact on federal agency resource management.
• The student’s work is of exceptional educational value to the federal agency and/or the general public.
• The student must be in their last year of their graduate program or graduated in the last academic year (summer or fall 2016).

NOMINATION PROCEDURE
Nominations can come from either the academic partner or the federal agency; however, both must endorse the nomination. A nomination consists of providing all the required information and sending it (in electronic format) directly to the Great Plains-CESU Director, Larkin Powell. The deadline for nominations is November 18, 2016.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS
All nominations are reviewed and evaluated by the Great Plains-CESU Director. A $250 travel reimbursement will be provided to the awardee by the Great Plains-CESU to fund their travel to the 2017 annual meeting at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference held in Lincoln, NE.
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The Great Plains-Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit (GP-CESU) Graduate Student Award recognizes outstanding accomplishments by students involved in GP-CESU projects. Nominations may be submitted by any representative of the federal agency that sponsored the GP-CESU project, or by the student’s GP-CESU academic partner. The nomination must be endorsed by both the federal agency and the academic partner involved in the project. To be considered for a nomination, the following information should be provided (in electronic format):

1. a) Name of Nominee
   b) Name of GP-CESU Partner
   c) Mailing Address
   d) Phone Number
   e) Email Address
   f) Degree Program

2. Title of GP-CESU project; Time frame in which the project was completed.

3. A description of student’s accomplishments in 500 words or less. The Graduate Student Award recognizes outstanding contributions “above and beyond” the standard expectations for a student project. The criteria used to select the award recipient are broad and flexible, but generally fall into the following categories:

• The student has delivered an outstanding service or product, such as exceptionally research project or well-written thesis or other product.
• The student’s work has had a direct and exceptional impact on federal agency resource management.
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4. A written endorsement by the GP-CESU partner in the project. If the nominator is representing an academic institution, the nomination package must include the written endorsement of the nomination by the federal agency involved in the project. If the federal agency is nominating the student, the application must include a written endorsement by a representative of the student’s academic institution.

5. Name of Nominator
   Name of GP-CESU Partner
   Mailing Address
   Phone Number
   Email Address

Nominations are due by November 18, 2016 and should be sent in electronic form to:
Dr. Larkin Powell, Great Plains-CESU Director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, lpowell3@unl.edu