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.
   • 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 2018).

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 December 14, 2018 and should be sent in electronic form to: 
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