



## APPLICATION FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

**Background:** The College of Agriculture is pleased to recognize and support the academic excellence of our graduate students with the TSU's College of Agriculture Outstanding Graduate Student Award during the college week each year. Academically good standing master's and Ph.D. students matriculating in the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences or Department of Human Sciences within the College of Agriculture are encouraged to apply. The college honors four graduate students (three Masters and One Ph.D.) for their outstanding academic performance, research achievements and community services.

**Instruction on how to apply:** Students wish to apply should complete this application form and save it as "Application\_for\_OGS\_Award\_APPLICANTSLASTNAME.PDF" file. Then compile all supporting documents including CV/resume; publications, professional presentations, recognition/awards, services, etc. All supporting documents should be combined into a single PDF file and named "Supporting\_Documents\_OGS\_Award\_APPLICANTS LASTNAME.PDF". Then upload them as two separate pdf files no later than 11:59 PM on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 at: <http://bit.ly/tsu-ogs-award>. Applicant should also arrange at least three letters of support (template can be download at : <http://bit.ly/ag-ogs-ref-letter>) from referees who can attest his/her accomplishments, achievements and services during his/her graduate study here at TSU. Referee must directly upload the support letter at: <http://bit.ly/tsu-ogs-award>. Any questions or need further information, please contact the outstanding graduate student award committee chair – Dr. Bharat Pokharel by email at [bpokhare@tnstate.edu](mailto:bpokhare@tnstate.edu) or by telephone at (615) 963 6054.

### Student's Information

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Research focus area: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been as a student under this program at TSU? \_\_\_\_\_

Started Semester and Year: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (current degree program): \_\_\_\_\_

### Letters of Reference: (Maximum of 4 points)

This award application package must include a minimum of three, and not more than five, letters of reference from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's academic performance, research and/or service efforts (please see instruction how to upload the letter and letter template: <http://bit.ly/ag.ogs-ref-letter>). In the box below, please provide name, mailing address, telephone, and e-mail address of each referee and their professional relation to you. It is strongly recommended that student's major advisor should be one of the referees.

**Extracurricular Activities: (Maximum of 4 points)**

In the text box below, please list affiliations with professional/student organizations, offices held in professional organizations, Student Government Association, and community organizations, and involvement in local community organizations during applicant's graduate study (for the current MS or Ph.D. degree program) here at TSU. Elaborate your leadership role and accomplishments with specific examples.

**Personal Statement: (Maximum of 4 points)**

Brief statement from applicant discussing current involvement in the profession, highlight major accomplishments and future career goals.

**Presentations: (Maximum of 5 points)**

In the text box below, please type a complete reference [author(s), year of presentation, title, meeting organization, meeting location, meeting date(s)] for each presentation to be evaluated for this application packet.

For each presentation, you must also include and clearly indicate the following information:

The type of meeting (professional or non-professional; international, national, or local)

Whether the presentation was oral or poster

Whether the presentation was refereed or non-refereed

Whether the presentation was on-campus or off-campus

**Awards: (Maximum of 5 points)**

In the text box below, please type a list of awards received during the period of accomplishments.

For each award, you must include the following information:

The name of the award

The awarding organization

The date of the award

The type of award (professional or non-professional; international, national, or local)

**Publications: (Maximum of 8 points)**

A reprint or copy of each publication must be included as a supporting document in this application packet.

In the text box below, please type a complete reference [author(s), year of publication, title, publisher, category] for each publication supporting document included in this application packet. (Indicate appropriate category - Refereed Publications, Non-Refereed Publications, Magazine Articles, Newspaper Articles, Abstracts, Proceedings, Books, Book Chapters, Bulletins, Other types)

Note: please include a reprint or copy of each publication, presentations, awards or any supporting documents as a single pdf file and upload it at: <http://bit.ly/tsu-ogs-award> as a supporting document in this application packet.