

# **GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION AWARDS:**

## *Recognizing graduate student excellence at Memorial*

### **Award Descriptions & Nomination Procedures**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any person registered as a full- or part-time graduate student during the academic year for which he/she is nominated who has not previously received a GSU award is eligible. Achievements must have taken place from May 2010 to April 2011. *Accomplishments resulting from research / teaching / community service conducted while not a graduate student at Memorial (including articles published or awards received during the time a nominee is a graduate student at Memorial, but resulting from research conducted elsewhere, or while the nominee was an undergraduate student at Memorial) will NOT influence committee members' evaluations.*

**GSU AWARD IN TEACHING EXCELLENCE:** Nominees should display dedication to teaching undergraduate and graduate students as instructors or teaching assistants. Professor and student feedback is important, as is course material!

**GSU AWARD IN COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Based on quantity and quality! For those who display an exemplary commitment & contribution to improving the community of MUN & surrounding area, including hours dedicated & impact on the service in question

**GSU AWARD IN RESEARCH EXCELLENCE:** Based on quantity and quality of research accomplishments resulting from studies at Memorial, along with the student's contribution to this research, the breadth of research experience, evidence of research excellence and evidence of originality in research.

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE NOMINATOR:** The nominator must be familiar with the nominee's research at Memorial as his/her supervisor, member of his/her supervisory committee, collaborating author of a publication, poster, or presentation, head of academic unit, or fellow Memorial graduate student familiar with her/his research (letters of support from a supervisor carry more weight than letters from others). The nominator must completely fill out the NOMINATOR FORM, indicating why he/she considers the nominee's research / teaching / or community service to be worthy of recognition. Nomination packages must be brought to the GSU Office (GH-2007, Feild Hall upstairs from Bitters) by 2pm Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. E-mail [internal@gsumun.ca](mailto:internal@gsumun.ca) with any questions.

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUPPORTER:** One to three supporters are required to endorse the nomination by completely filling out a SUPPORTER FORM. S/he must be familiar with the nominee's research / teaching / community service at Memorial in any one of the capacities listed for the nominator.

**REQUIREMENTS OF THE NOMINEE:** The nominee must provide a curriculum vitae of significant (research accomplishments / teaching and teaching activities / community service) resulting from studies as a graduate student at Memorial. Nominees for the **Award in Research Excellence** should include awards, publications, presentations, invited lectures, patents, brief descriptions of contribution to each multi-author research accomplishment and of the importance of each research accomplishment to the academic field, and additional information that may be helpful. Nominees for the **Award in Teaching Excellence** should include all courses in which s/he was involved in teaching at Memorial, along with term and year, listed chronologically, a brief description of teaching responsibilities for each course listed, and any further information that may be helpful (e.g., enrollment in the Memorial Graduate Program in Teaching, teaching awards, teaching experience outside Memorial, student feedback, etc.). A Teaching Dossier is an important asset. Nominees for the **Award in Community Service** should include all they believe is applicable. By submitting their curriculum vitae, the nominee is giving her/his consent to be nominated, to have his/her name and photo published in the MUSE and other university media, along with her/his academic unit.