



UGA College of Engineering Rising Star Graduate Student Research Award

The College of Engineering (CENGR) is pleased to announce the availability of the Rising Star Graduate Student Research Award. This award recognizes exceptional early-career graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding promise in research and scholarly achievement. The recipient will receive a monetary award of \$500, depending on the availability of funds.

Criteria include but are not limited to:

- Evidence of early research productivity, such as publications, conference presentations, or technical reports.
- Demonstrated innovation and creativity in research projects.
- Active participation in collaborative research efforts within the lab or across disciplines.
- Engagement in professional development activities (e.g., workshops, seminars, student organizations).
- Strong potential for future contributions to the field of engineering.

Eligibility

- Nominees must be Ph.D. or M.S. (thesis) students in the College of Engineering.
- Must have matriculated within the past three semesters at the time of nomination.
- Must be actively engaged in research under the supervision of a College of Engineering faculty member.
- Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.

Nomination Process

- Nominations may be submitted by major professor or by self-nomination.
- Nominations can be made at [this link](#).
- Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 pm, February 6th, 2026 (Friday).

Upon receipt of nominations, the CENGR Faculty Honorifics Committee will contact nominees to request a dossier of achievements relevant to this award.

Dossier Requirements

Submit as a single PDF (maximum 10 pages, including appendices/letters):

- Cover Letter (1-page max) describing research activities and accomplishments.
- Current CV (2-page max) including publications, presentations, and awards.
- Evidence of research contributions (e.g., abstracts, manuscripts, project summaries).
- Letters of Support (minimum 1, maximum 3) from faculty advisors or collaborators.
- Supporting documents and appendices.
- Dossiers must be submitted by 5:00 PM on February 25, 2026, via the submission link that will be provided later.

Selection and Recognition

- Dossiers will be evaluated by the CENGR Faculty Honorific Committee.
- The recipient will be honored at the CENGR Celebration of Excellence.