

ACADIA OUTSTANDING MASTER'S RESEARCH AWARD

At the defence, the Chairperson, representing Research and Graduate Studies, will ask the committee whether it wishes to ***unanimously*** recommend the candidate for the award based on the following criteria.

Criteria / Selection Guidelines

1. Does the student's research fall within the top 15% of all Master's theses you have read or examined, at Acadia and elsewhere?
2. ***The Academic Record:*** Outstanding graduate academic record (at least 3.5 GPA)
3. ***The Research:*** Research highly original, innovative, and makes a strong contribution to the discipline
4. ***The Thesis:*** Thesis is impeccably written, and all substantive sections are strong
5. ***The Defence:*** Student's presentation and response to questions are accurate, clear and thoughtful

Administrative Guidelines:

1. The award (1 per faculty, per academic year) is restricted to Master's thesis-based programs at Acadia University, namely, M.A., M.Sc., MCD, and M.Ed. Students completing their thesis requirement during May to April are considered for the award offered at the Spring Convocation.
2. The student must have completed the degree requirements within the time limit of their graduate program (6 years for MSc, MCD, and MA in SOPT students; 5 years for all other MA programs; and 8 years for M.Ed. students).
3. As required for award selection, the Supervisor must provide the following to the Graduate Studies Officer, normally ***within one week*** of the defence:
 - i. a brief report on the credentials and relevant experience of the external examiner;
 - ii. a letter of support for the student's nomination.

The Graduate Studies Officer will provide:

- iii. the thesis abstract from the time of final thesis submission;
- iv. the grade point average for all graduate courses undertaken.

