

**Department of Psychology  
University of Pittsburgh**

***The Dr. Ruth L. Myers Memorial Award***

This competitive award will provide research support for two outstanding graduate students annually, one to be presented in the fall of each year and one in the spring.

***Research excellence award (\$500).*** This award will be conferred for an outstanding research project being conducted by a graduate student, either proposed or ongoing. To be considered for this award, please submit: 1) a curriculum vitae; 2) a description of the research, your role in the research, and how the award will be used to support the research and/or its dissemination (approximately 500 words); 3) two letters of support from faculty who can speak to your qualities as a researcher and to the quality of the research project. Priority will be given to students who are not eligible for program-specific awards or who have not previously received another department-level award for research excellence. The deadline for submitting materials is October 1.

***Mentoring excellence award (\$500).*** This award will be conferred for a graduate student who has distinguished him- or herself as an outstanding mentor of undergraduate students in the lab or the classroom. Students who have completed the Master's degree or Master's equivalent milestone (depending on program requirements) will be eligible for this award. To be considered, the graduate student must be nominated in writing by an undergraduate student whom he or she has mentored, or by a faculty member who is familiar with the graduate student's mentoring experience and effectiveness. Self-nominations will not be considered, nor will nominations by other graduate students. In addition, a statement of mentoring philosophy and experience must be submitted (approximately 500 words). One additional letter of support from either a faculty member or an undergraduate mentee must also be submitted such that one of the two supporting letters is from a faculty member and one is from an undergraduate student (multiple signatures may be obtained on the student letter). The deadline submitting materials is April 15.

All materials should be submitted to the Assistant Chair, Dr. Anna Halechko. Decisions will be made by the Graduate Education Committee. Awards will be administered by the Department of Psychology fiscal office and may be used for any research or training related expense, including conference travel.