

**Indiana State University Library**  
**Bakerman Student Research Awards 2010**  
**Guidelines**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the awards is to recognize excellence in undergraduate and graduate research papers that incorporate exceptional skill and creativity in the application of the services, resources, and collections of the ISU Library and that demonstrate information literacy skills on the part of the student researcher. A maximum of two awards annually, one given to an undergraduate student and one to a graduate student, will be presented in the amount of **\$1000 for the undergraduate student** and **\$1500 for the graduate student**. In addition, \$250 will be given to the faculty member who nominates a winning paper.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled as an ISU student at any class level and in any discipline.
- Have completed their research paper for a credit course at ISU during the spring semester 2009, first summer session 2009, second summer session 2009, or fall semester 2009.
- Agree that the paper and application materials will become property of Cunningham Memorial Library, may be publicly displayed or included in the digital repository, and may be cataloged and added to the library's collection.
- Library student employees, staff, and faculty are not eligible to enter.
- Dissertations, theses, and works of fiction are not eligible for consideration.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Submissions will be judged based on how well they demonstrate the following:

- Sophistication, originality and/or unusual depth or breadth in the use of library resources and collections in any format.
- Effective application of information literacy and fluency principles:
  - o Determining information needs
  - o Evaluating and analyzing information
  - o Managing, organizing, and synthesizing information
  - o Applying information in the context of the research project
  - o Communicating information in formats appropriate to an academic audience
  - o Making responsible use of information by providing appropriate and accurate citations and credits.
- Evidence of significant personal learning and an understanding of the process of research and inquiry
- Papers will be reviewed for originality in Turnitin.
- Submissions will be evaluated by two teaching faculty and two members of the library faculty nominated by deans of the appropriate colleges. The library reserves the right not to bestow awards in the absence of acceptable submissions.

## **Application Procedure**

Applications must include the following:

- Application cover sheet
- Application checklist
- Nomination form and letter of 250 words or fewer from the supervising faculty member or instructor
- A 500-750 word essay by the student who wrote the research paper. The essay should describe research strategies and application of library tools and resources in completion of the project.
- A final version of the research paper
- A bibliography or source list
- An electronic copy of the final research paper and bibliography or source list

**Application deadline: 12 February, 2010, by 4:00 p.m.** Incomplete and/or late applications will not be accepted. Applications become the property of the ISU Library and will not be returned. When preparing your application package, please do not use staples, bind projects, or put projects in 3-ring binders. Use paper clips, envelopes, or folders.

Submit the complete application package to:

Indiana State University  
Cunningham Memorial Library  
650 Sycamore St.  
Library Administrative Office  
Research Award Committee  
Terre Haute, IN 47809

E-mail an electronic copy of final research paper and bibliography to: Beverly Grubb at [Beverly.Grubb@indstate.edu](mailto:Beverly.Grubb@indstate.edu) by 4:00 p.m. on 12 February, 2009.