Department of Economics Scott M. Elliott Graduate Research Award for Best Capstone/Thesis

The Scott M. Elliott Graduate Research Award for Best Capstone Project/Thesis was established to promote and recognize the scholarly contributions of graduate students and their faculty advisors to the field of economics.

*Value of Award:* Student: $250  Faculty Advisor: $250

*Eligibility:* All capstone/thesis projects completed during the Fall/Spring academic year are eligible for consideration.

*Selection Criteria and Process:* Capstone/thesis projects submitted for consideration will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

• Nature, relevance, and importance of the questions addressed in the project;
• Appropriateness of the methods used; and
• Overall organization, readability and clarity of the paper.

All submissions will be evaluated and the award recipients selected by a committee consisting of the Department Chair and the Graduate Program Director (or substitute appointed by the Chair).

*Instructions:* The faculty advisor must complete and submit this application to the Department of Economics (Stevenson 425) by March 24. Please type or print the information requested.

1. Faculty Advisor: ________________________________
2. Student’s Name: ____________________________; UID#: ______-_____-________
3. Title of Capstone Paper: ________________________________
4. On a separate page, provide a brief description of the project’s goals, methods, and findings. (Not to exceed one half page)

1. On a separate page, provide an evaluation of the project, highlighting the major features that distinguish it as exceptional. (Not to exceed one page)
2. Provide a copy of the capstone/thesis with this form.