

**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 23. 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)

5. On a separate page, provide an evaluation of the project, highlighting the major features that distinguish it as exceptional. (Not to exceed one page)

6. Provide a copy of the capstone/thesis with this form.