Council of Graduate School Programs
Loyola University Chicago
Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement to Promote Social Justice

Students may be nominated or self-nominated to receive this award. Only students who are enrolled in programs with the graduate school at Loyola University Chicago and are in good standing are eligible for this award. Students must be engaged in social justice and civic engagement during their time as a graduate student, and will be judged on the following criteria:

- Experience as an unpaid volunteer or intern in organizations that serve lower-income groups or the marginalized or stigmatized groups (e.g., convicted criminals, victims, prisoners, children or adults in disadvantaged areas, immigrants, those who need educational assistance, crisis assistance, advocacy support groups for health issues)

- Activism to address social justice issues, including oppression, injustices, or political issues

- Organizing and participating in charity drives or events

- Organizing or assisting with social or intellectual events addressing issues related to social justice

- Involvement in research that addresses social justice issues

Students are required to submit the following:

- A personal statement, two to three pages, describing their involvement in civic engagement activities that promote social justice and the reasons that they became involved.

- Two support letters, one from a professor with knowledge about the social justice/community engagement work of the graduate student and a second from a community leader directly aware of some of their civic engagement activities.

The recipient will receive a plaque and a $250 honorarium.

To apply: Materials are to be sent in PDF format to Stephanie Augustine at saugustine@luc.edu. Support letters may be sent by the student, or submitted directly by the letter writer. All materials must be received via email by midnight on Monday, March 16th, 2015. Paper copies will not be accepted.