



### **Hamand Society Scholars Final Proposal 12-8-10**

**Purpose:** Named in honor of the first Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Lavern Hamand, the Hamand Society recognizes degree-seeking graduate candidates nominated from among the class of Distinguished Graduate Students whose achievements in both scholarship and service have had a documented impact on the discipline and the community. The quality and impact of the scholarship and service achievements of Hamand Society Scholars reflect the highest ideals of the engaged graduate student.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Documentation may be evidenced by but not limited to examples in the categories of scholarship and service listed below.

#### **GPA Requirements**

- Nominees must have a cumulative graduate grade point average of 3.75 or higher at the time of nomination for the award.

#### **Enrollment**

- Nominees must be enrolled full-time or part-time as a degree-seeking candidate at the time of nomination.

#### **Scholarship**

- Awards/recognition for scholarship, research projects, or creative activity
- Peer-reviewed publication and/or presentation of graduate work
- Invitations to present graduate work
- Other scholarship

#### **Service**

- Participation in department, college/school, university organizations
- Participation in civic organizations that enhance life in the community
- Participation in programs that enhance schools and/or other public assets
- Participation in programs that improve the lives of others regionally, nationally, or abroad
- Recognition for leadership roles within the University, discipline, workplace, or community
- Completion of initiatives or new programs that have positively influenced the University, discipline, workplace, or community
- Other service

**Nomination Process:** Each nomination requires a sponsor who may be the Graduate Coordinator, Program Chair, or member of the Graduate Faculty at Eastern Illinois University. Each nomination also requires two co-sponsors who have direct knowledge/experience with the candidate and may be members of the university community or may be constituents external to the University. A complete nomination packet will include the following:

- A Hamand Society Nomination Form
- A letter of nomination from the sponsor that documents the candidate's achievements and impact in the required areas
- Letters from each co-sponsor to verify and amplify upon the candidate's achievements and impact
- A candidate resume

**Complete packets:** Complete packets are limited to 8 pages excluding the nomination form.

**Deadline:** 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday of March each year.

**Number:** Up to five candidates from among those nominated will be inducted into the Hamand Society each year.

**Selection:** Award winners are selected by the Council on Graduate Studies Hamand Society Board. The Hamand Society Board will include a representative from each of colleges appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School. Members of the Board in any given year cannot nominate a student or provide letters of support for a Hamand Society Scholar.

**Recognition:** Hamand Scholars will be inducted into the Hamand Society during the Distinguished Graduate Students Awards Ceremony. Scholars become life-time members of the Society and will be invited to return to campus periodically to participate in the ceremonies for newly inducted recipients.