Purdue University
Chorafas Foundation Awards

Deadline: February 3, 2017

Purdue University will nominate one young PhD graduate student researcher for the 2017 Chorafas Foundation Award. The $5,000 award, made available by the Dimitris N. Chorafas Foundation, is intended as a prize for advanced studies and/or research during or shortly after graduation. The Dimitris N. Chorafas Foundation was founded in 1992 under the leadership of Prof. Dimitris N. Chorafas. Each year, the Foundation awards prizes to more than 20 universities, with the goal of stimulating promising young researchers.

Process:

• Selection of a Purdue nominee will be a two-phase process. Students are invited to submit pre-proposals for the Chorafas Foundation award by Friday, February 3, 2017. A maximum of 5 finalists will be selected to submit a full nomination package. The deadline for submitting full nomination packets is March 24, 2017.

• The requirements and criteria for pre-proposals and final proposals are provided on page 2.

• All pre-proposals should be sent to the attention of Donna Young, Office of Research, College of Engineering (ARMS 2000), or electronically as one PDF File to dsyoung@purdue.edu.

Subject Areas for the Chorafas Award:

Research projects in the following areas are eligible for the Chorafas prize:

• Research, Development and Applications in Advanced Technology
• Life sciences and Medicine
• Physics, Chemistry, Sciences of the Very Small and the Very Large
• Formal sciences: Mathematics, Logic, Statistics and their Applications
• Hard Science Solutions to Millennium Problems
• Interdisciplinary Scientific Research

Eligibility:

• Applications are invited from PhD students enrolled in any college at Purdue.
• Applicants may not be older than 32 years on May 31, 2017.
• Candidates students must have graduated or be expected to graduate between June 1, 2016 and December 31, 2017. Candidates can only be nominated once.
Pre-proposals. Applicants must submit a short cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a one page summary of the candidate’s dissertation research, and a one page description of the planned use of the Chorafas award. Candidates are strongly encouraged to include a list of publications, professional presentations, and examples of significant leadership.

Final proposals. Applicants selected as finalists must submit the following documents for consideration:

1) Cover page with the following information
   - Full Name (LAST, first)
   - Gender
   - Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
   - Title of the Thesis
   - Graduation Date (or expected graduation date) (MM/YYYY)
   - Field of Research (choose the closest one of the following fields: Life Sciences & Medicine, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Informatics/Computer Science, Engineering of Finance & Risk Management).
   - Passport size photo

2) Complete CV (including internship if any) + a passport size photo

3) List of publications (only papers where the candidate is first author; the paper must be either published/in press/accepted in peer-review journals)

4) Summary of Research (up to one page only)

5) Candidate’s personal note - Why my research benefits humanity… (up to one page only)

6) Two reference letters. One must be from the PhD supervisor. The salutation that should be used is Dear Members of the Board

7) Abstracts of first authored papers in peer-reviewed journals (up to 5 abstracts - no longer than ½ page each)