

Outstanding Master's Student Project Award Nomination and Evaluation Form

Name: _____

Department: _____

Institution: _____

Years in Higher Education: _____

Student Name: _____

Project Title: _____

Nature of Evaluation (circle one): student adviser department chair external evaluator

Directions

Encouraging and recognizing outstanding work at the graduate level is important at Buffalo State. Towards that end, the following criteria have been established to evaluate master's projects. We ask that you use these criteria to objectively evaluate the work that has been nominated for the Outstanding Graduate Project Award. We ask department chairs and external evaluators to send their evaluation directly to the office of The Graduate School, attention Graduate Award Committee (Grover Cleveland 204, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222-1095).

Please provide your opinion of this work by circling a response for each of the following statements.

Award Criteria

- Originality of work:** The project addresses a unique question or area of application.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
strongly disagree neutral agree strongly
disagree disagree
- Significance of the problem address:** The area addressed by the project is of significant value to the field or profession.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
strongly disagree neutral agree strongly
disagree disagree
- Soundness of the approach:** The approach taken in the project is appropriate given the problem posed in the project.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
strongly disagree neutral agree strongly
disagree disagree
- Soundness of the conclusions and interpretations:** The conclusions, interpretations, and implications are appropriate given the outcomes of the project.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
strongly disagree neutral agree strongly
disagree disagree

5. **Best Practices:** The project exemplifies a best practice of the discipline.

1	2	3	4	5
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree

6. **Potential for publication or presentation at a juried show:** The project is worthy of publication in a professional journal, magazine, newsletter, etc. or is likely to be considered for presentation at a juried show.

1	2	3	4	5
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree

7. **Potential for conference presentations:** The project is viable for acceptance at a professional conference or other public presentation appropriate to the discipline.

1	2	3	4	5
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree

8. **Style:** The project is well written (i.e., grammar, spelling, coherent, etc.)

1	2	3	4	5
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree

9. **Soundness of organization:** Thoughts and ideas are presented in a logical fashion.

1	2	3	4	5
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree

10. **Adherence to correct editorial writing style:** Project reflects the writing style appropriate to the discipline (e.g., APA, etc.).

1	2	3	4	5
strongly disagree	disagree	neutral	agree	strongly agree

11. **Overall evaluation:** Given your familiarity with graduate student work in this field of study, how would you rate the overall quality of this project.

1	2	3	4	5
below average (below top 50%)	fair (in top 50%)	good (in top 30%)	very good (in top 20%)	excellent (in top 10%)

12. **Comments:** Below please add any comments that would help the committee in evaluating this project.