**Ronald L. Filippelli and Avis L. Kunz Award for**

**Professional Masters Students in the**

**College of the Liberal Arts**

Consideration for this award shall be given to students who are pursuing professional master’s degrees in the College of the Liberal Arts, either through residential instruction or online through the World Campus.

**Eligibility**

**To be considered for this award, a graduate student must be enrolled in one of the following master’s programs:**

Criminal Justice and Policy Administration

Counterterrorism option in Homeland Security

Economics

Human Resources and Employment Relations

Labor and Global Workers’ Rights

Psychology of Leadership

Public Policy

Teaching English as a Second Language

Preference will be given to recipients in their last year of the program.

**Selection Criteria**

The award will be given to those who have achieved superior academic records or who manifest promise of outstanding academic success. Candidates will be assessed on factors including 1) excellence in research and scholarship (e.g., GPA, engagement in class and academic teams, and capstone projects); 2) contributions to promote a positive and inclusive learning environment; 3) exceptional research activities (e.g., original capstone research, research presentation or publication); 4) involvement in community projects, activities, and advocacy (as appropriate); 5) evidence of transfer of learning to organizational interventions, change efforts, or action plans that were implemented in their organizations (as appropriate).

**Nomination**

**A maximum of one student per program may be nominated.** The Senior Associate Dean and the Director of the Filipelli Institute will select one recipient each year.

The following materials should be included:

* Nomination form (next page) from the Graduate Program chair.
* A nominating statement describing the student’s accomplishments such as classroom performance, teaching, research, community involvement, national service, excellent project work, or other markers of academic or disciplinary excellence
* If applicable, a letter of support from relevant external constituents may be included.
* Student’s current vita

**Deadline**

**Nominations are due by April 24, 2023**. Please send an electronic copy of the nomination packet as a single PDF file, collated in the order above, to Alena Sunderland (ant106@psu.edu) in the Research and Graduate Studies Office.

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**Nomination Form**

**Nominee Full Name (Last, First, M.I.) Nominee Graduate Program**

**Nominee Student ID Number Nominee Email**

**Nominator Name/Email (please print) Signature**

**Graduate Program Chair (please print) Signature**

**Date**

Please send one PDF file of the nomination packet to the Research and Graduate Studies Office

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