

Nominations are being sought for

Undergraduate awards:

2026 Meites award and the 2026 Senior Research Award

Selection Criteria:

Graduating seniors in fall 2025, spring 2026, or summer 2026, are eligible for **one or both** *Department of Physiology senior awards*. Self-nominations are highly encouraged.

Meites Award: The Meites Award seeks to identify an outstanding graduating senior student based on the following criteria. Awarded to one graduating senior who has demonstrated academic excellence and made outstanding contributions to undergraduate research and has shown significant engagement in the Physiology department via activities including but not limited to outreach and services.

Senior Research Award: Awarded to graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves in undergraduate research

To apply, the student will need to supply some documents, and a faculty member will need to supply an evaluation form.

The deadline for applying is 11:59 PM ET on Monday, March 9th, 2026. Students should send their application materials to the Department of Physiology Undergraduate Advising Team by email (neupslugrad@msu.edu), as a single pdf document, for each application. Likewise, faculty members should email the evaluation form and the mentor letter to the same email, as a single pdf document.

The following documents are required for each award nomination:

Meites Award	Senior Research Award
From Faculty (one pdf document) <ol style="list-style-type: none">2026 Department of Physiology Undergrad Awards Evaluation form (to be completed by a faculty member)Mentor evaluation letter From Student (one pdf document) <ol style="list-style-type: none">Student's Resume or CV	From Faculty (one pdf document) <ol style="list-style-type: none">2026 Department of Physiology Undergrad Awards Evaluation form (to be completed by a faculty member)Mentor evaluation letter From Student (one pdf document) <ol style="list-style-type: none">Student's Resume or CV

4. Student Essay: How has the neuroscience and/or physiology program contributed to your success? (≤ 5000 characters)	4. Research Abstract (≤ 1250 characters, 250 words max) 5. Student Essay: Discuss your undergraduate research accomplishments. Be specific about what you have done and what you have achieved. (≤ 4000 characters)
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About the 2026 Department of Physiology Undergrad Awards Evaluation form

1. This form must be completed by a faculty member.
2. This faculty member can either be within the Department of Physiology or outside the department.
3. The faculty member should submit their evaluation form directly to neupslugrad@msu.edu together with their evaluation letter.

About the Mentor evaluation Letter

1. One letter from a faculty member will be evaluated
2. It must be no more than two pages long
3. The letter should show evidence of sustained engagement with research and detailed examples of communication, critical thinking and leadership
4. The faculty member should submit their evaluation letter directly to neupslugrad@msu.edu together with their completed evaluation form as a single pdf document.

About the Student Resume or CV

1. Students should submit a resume or CV of two pages maximum, together with their application, as a PDF.

About the Student Essays for Both Awards

1. Students must use the template Word Document for each prompt to complete the essay portion of this nomination. Students should submit their essay together with the rest of their application material as a PDF and name each application document with their last name and first letter of their first name. (Example: Becky La = LaB_Meites Award; LaB_Research Award)

About the Student Research Abstract (for Senior Research Awards only)

1. Students must submit their abstract (250 words maximum) together with their application material as a PDF.

The recipients of the awards will be asked to attend the **Graduate Open House Ceremony** for PSL graduating seniors on Friday, May 1st, 2026, to receive their prize.

For further information or if you have any question, please contact neupslugrad@msu.edu