

HOFFERT RESEARCH AWARD

The Jack R. Hoffert Memorial Endowment provides a \$2,750 scholarship for any eligible student in the Molecular, Cellular, and Integrative Physiology doctoral (PhD) program. Applications are reviewed based on 1) a student's written application materials and 2) a presentation of their research at a Physiology Department seminar.

Background of the Hoffert Research Award:

The Jack R. Hoffert Memorial Endowment was established in 1985 to honor Dr. Hoffert as an outstanding and distinguished faculty member of the Physiology Department at MSU. Dr. Hoffert graduated cum laude from Michigan State University in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences. He earned his Master's and PhD degrees in Physiology at MSU in 1958 and 1962, respectively, and then served as a Research Associate with Dr. Fromm in the Physiology department. He joined the MSU Physiology faculty in 1965 and earned the rank of Full Professor in 1974.

Jack Hoffert was renowned for his research in comparative ocular physiology. His laboratory course of Comparative Physiology became one of the most popular courses on campus. With his strong interest and passion for teaching, his lab course provided valuable training for both graduate and undergraduate students alike. At 49 years of age, Jack Hoffert died suddenly of a heart attack. Colleagues describe Dr. Hoffert as a "superb and spectacular teacher – a dynamic force within the department who will be sorely missed".

Application Due Date: February 1 by 5:00 PM

***** If due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday then the deadline is extended to the following Monday *****

Eligibility:

- Must be a current student in good standing in the MCIP PhD program
- Must have passed the comprehensive exam

Funding: \$2750 per award. *Up to 1 award may be given each calendar year. However, there is no obligation to make an award if there aren't sufficient meritorious applications.*

Written Application Guidelines - Compile the following into a SINGLE PDF:

- **Cover Page that includes:**
 - Applicant name
 - Name of Mentor and their Department
 - Title of Dissertation
 - Date when the comprehensive exam was passed
 - Year in the MCIP Program (including the BMS year)
 - Current GPA
- **Letter of Accomplishments Over the Last Calendar Year (Not to exceed 1 page)**
 - This should be written in bullet points
 - Include any awards, fellowships, publications, conference presentations (indicate oral or poster), seminar or retreat presentations, teaching, and service (within MSU and outreach to the community)
 - Maximum length = 1 page
- **Nomination Letter from the Dissertation Mentor (Not to exceed 1 page)**
 - Letter should address academic standing/GPA, awards, fellowships, publications, conference seminar presentations, research progress, teaching, service and outreach.
- **Summary of Research Progress (Not to exceed 2 pages)**
- **CV**

Submit complete application (single pdf file) via email to Mr. Bradley Robinson (robin454@msu.edu) and Dr. Gina Leinninger (leinning@msu.edu)

Research Presentation Guidelines

- Nominees will give a 10 minute presentation of their research at a Physiology seminar and will have 5-10 minutes to answer questions from attendees.
- Exact date of presentations will be announced by the Graduate Program Director, but typically occurs in March, depending on the Physiology Seminar schedule.

Review Criteria and Selection Process:

- The Graduate Program Committee will review the written applications and oral presentations and will select the award winner based on the selection criteria (academic standing/GPA, awards, fellowships, publications, conference seminar presentations, research progress, teaching, service and outreach, and quality of the research presentation).
- The Jack R. Hoffert Award Certificate and scholarship funds are presented to the awardee at a later date.