

Jack R. Hoffert 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 the 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".

The Jack R. Hoffert Memorial Endowment provides a \$2,000 scholarship for any eligible Physiology graduate student.

Award Criteria and Eligibility

- Student must be enrolled in Physiology PhD program
- Students must have passed preliminary exams (comprehensive exam)
- Candidate must demonstrate promise of outstanding academic performance and dedication to research, teaching, and service in graduate school and in his/her future career.
- Preference will be given to students studying comparative physiology

Nomination Requirements

- Cover page that should include applicants name, name of mentor, title of thesis, date when comprehensive exam was passed, years in the program (including BMS year)
- One page letter of Accomplishment over the last year (October 1st to September 30th). This should be written in bullet points and include any awards, fellowships, publications, meeting presentations (please indicate oral or poster), seminar presentations, teaching, and service (university and/or outreach) etc.
- One page Nomination letter from the major professor (mentor) addressing all of the selection criteria (actual standing and progress in research, teaching, service)
- Summary on research progress - not to exceed two pages.
- Full CV
- Nomination packet needs to be submitted by deadline
- Submit application to graduate director Dr. Mohr – mohrs@msu.edu.

Nomination packet may not exceed 5 pages (excluding CV)

ONE PDF file only

Award:

- Nominees do a 10 min presentation of their research to the general audience during a regular faculty seminar time (Thu afternoon 4 PM)
- GAC determines awardee based on all the criteria including presentation, research progress, academic standing, teaching and service activities.
- Jack R. Hoffert Award Certificate and \$,2000 scholarship money will be presented at a later time with a small reception. Up to 2 awards may be given. However, the committee reserves the right to not present any award if the committee feels that quality of progress was insufficient.

Deadline: October 1st by 5pm