

Graduate Merit Awards: Department of Physical Therapy Criteria

In addition to the eligibility requirements specified by the UM Graduate School, Baltimore, (see below), the Department of Physical Therapy will evaluate the academic merit of potential candidates on the basis of: GPA plus a rating of course difficulty, yearly course load, participation in scholarly writing and presenting activities, participation in grant writing activities, and receipt of grant awards.

Instructions to the nominee:

Please submit the following information to the graduate program director by the designated deadline.

- 1) Photocopy of your transcript from this program. Using your best judgment, rank the difficulty of your courses on a 1-5 scale (including P/F courses) beside each course entry on the transcript.
- 2) Authorship list. List all abstracts, manuscripts, book chapters or other scholarly writing in which you have been involved as an author. Indicate the status of the work (i.e. submitted, accepted with revisions, etc.) and your specific contribution.
- 3) List all presentations in which you have been involved as an author. Indicate verbal or poster and specifically your contribution.
- 4) Grant submissions and awards. List all grant submissions and awards in which you have played a key role in terms of writing or preparation. List status of grant and briefly describe your role and contribution.

PAGE LIMIT OF NARRATIVE (i.e., excluding listings) ONE to TWO PAGES...in other words just write a sentence or two regarding contribution.

Graduate School Eligibility:

Graduate Merit Awards may supplement graduate research assistantships
Graduate programs may nominate any degree-seeking graduate student for
Graduate Merit Award, but recipients will generally be Ph.D. students.
The Graduate School bases Graduate Merit Awards on academic merit (meaning they are interested in GPA and GRE as well as scholarship).
Graduate Merit Awards are for one year and are not renewable.