

**Joan Laughlin Fellowship:
Outstanding Continuing Doctoral Student Award
\$1000**



The endowment for this fellowship has been made possible by donations from Dr. Joan Laughlin, Professor Emeritus at University of Nebraska.

Dr. Laughlin's research on pesticide decontamination of textiles is used worldwide. Her award-winning research efforts were incorporated into the World Health Organization's analyses and EPA guidelines regarding protective clothing for pesticide use. She was a visionary leader for the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GPIDEA). She is an award-winning member and long-time supporter of ITAA. To apply for this award, the following criteria must be met.

- (1) Enrollment at the degree granting institution for the complete academic year of funding. The student has applied and been accepted in a doctoral program in an ITAA member program at the time of submission.
- (2) The dissertation research area has been established, and the advisor and dissertation committee have been identified and formed.
- (3) Professional experience in and contribution to the textiles and apparel professional, including membership in ITAA;
- (4) Potential for future contributions to and leadership in the textiles and apparel professional;
- (5) Statement of professional goals;
- (6) Academically sound background and high level of scholarship with a balance of textiles and apparel and supporting disciplines;
- (7) Aptitude for advanced study and research;
- (8) Merit of the research problem;
- (9) Applicants applying for the Joan Laughlin Fellowship will automatically be considered for the Lois Dickey Fellowship, but may receive only one.

Application Procedure

Follow guidelines as outlined on the "Preparing Student Award Applications for Online Submission" webpage.

1. Completed application form
2. Statement of professional goals not to exceed 2-pages.
3. Two recommendations from people acquainted with your academic work.
4. A copy of your transcripts (Bachelor's degree and graduate work).
5. Description of Research Topic: If the research topic has been approved by the committee members, then the applicant must provide either a graduate school form with the appropriate signatures OR have the dissertation advisor/committee chair state the topic in a signed letter (on department letterhead).

Otherwise (if the topic has not been approved by the dissertation committee and/or submitted to the graduate school), the applicant must write a brief synopsis/abstract (500 words or less) of their research topic intentions, which includes (1) intended topic, (2) type of study (qualitative or quantitative), (3) method(s) for data collection, and (4) possible/intended means of analyzing data. Additionally, the applicant must have the dissertation advisor/committee chair sign the synopsis/abstract.

6. Major Professor's written statement that the advisory committee has been formed and the dissertation research area that has been established. Proof of Formation of Dissertation Committee: (1) a signed letter (on department letterhead) from the dissertation advisor/committee chair, which provides the names of the committee members and their roles; OR (2) department/graduate school committee form, which provides committee member names and their roles

The Student Fellowship and Awards Committee will review the completed applications and select the recipients after July 1. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decisions as soon as possible. The awardees must notify the ITAA office of acceptance and supply the ITAA office with a digital photograph (300 dpi) by September 1.

Awards will not be made on the basis of race, creed, gender, national origin, or age. All information submitted by applicants will be held in confidence. All award amounts are dependent on availability of funds from interest bearing accounts. Individuals will not be awarded the same scholarship more than one (1) time.