



March 8, 2017

Greetings Fellow Chemists,

The 52nd Annual Midwest ACS Regional Meeting (MWRM) will be held October 18th-20th at the Kansas Memorial Union in Lawrence, Kansas, hosted by the Wakarusa Valley Local ACS Section. The Midwest Region has a long history of recognizing the outstanding contributions made by volunteers, teachers and researchers through several awards programs. At the 2017 Regional Meeting we will continue the tradition begun last year of offering an award specifically designed to recognize the outstanding contributions of graduate students. The Midwest Graduate Award Symposium will be sponsored by the Wakarusa Valley Local ACS Section. The awards program will take the form of a graduate research awards symposium, in which graduate students from the Midwest Region will present short talks on their research.

For this purpose, each Local ACS Section of the Midwest Region is asked to nominate a single graduate student for this award. Only a single award nominee will be chosen from each of the graduate degree granting institutions in the Midwest Region. Should overlapping nominations be received, representatives of the Wakarusa Valley Local Section will select the Awardee. Should you wish to nominate a deserving student, we ask that you forward the student's name, a CV, the title of the student's talk, and a short abstract of their talk to your local section chair. The local section chair should forward the final nominee to me as outlined below.

To be eligible for this award, nominees must have completed their second year of graduate studies prior to the meeting, and they should have performed exemplary work both in research and coursework. Research topics can pertain to any branch of pure or applied chemistry; however, we ask that anyone performing research in an interdisciplinary field emphasize the chemistry of their research in their oral presentation. Award winners will receive a \$200 check to cover their travel and lodging expenses for attending the 2017 MWRM, in addition to complimentary meeting registration and an award certificate. Each award winner will present a 20 min talk during the Thursday Graduate Award Symposium session.

We ask that each Local ACS Section send the name of a single nominee, the title of the nominee's talk, a CV, and a short abstract to Dr. Maggie A. Witek (mwitek@ku.edu) by June 1st, 2017.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Maggie A. Witek, Ph.D.
Organizer, 2017 Midwest Graduate Award Symposium