**Call for Nominations – Dawn and Lawrence Taylor Dissertation Awards**

The Dawn and Lawrence Taylor Dissertation Awards Endowment was established to support outstanding PhD students during the dissertation writing phase. Dr. Dawn Taylor established this endowment to serve as a reminder of the many contributions by her late husband, Dr. Lawrence A. Taylor. His scientific discoveries helped develop a greater understanding of the universe and our planet. His love for teaching and sharing knowledge impacted generations of scholars.

Up to three awards in the College of Arts and Sciences (Division of Natural Sciences) and up to one award in the Tickle College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering (in “space sciences”) can be given for FY22. Each award will be a $5,000 fellowship paid to the student through the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Criteria for nominations:

* Student must be a PhD student who has completed comprehensive exams and been admitted to candidacy. (Paperwork for admission to candidacy must be submitted to Graduate School in order for nomination to be accepted. If there are questions about this, you can contact the Graduate School for verification.)
* Student must have demonstrated excellence in academic and research activity.
* Student must be enrolled in dissertation credits during the fall semester 2021.

Nomination process:

* Each department within the College of Arts and Sciences Division of Natural Science may nominate 1 student.
* The Department of MABE may nominate no more than two students.
* Nominations should come from the College’s Associate Dean of Graduate Affairs and include the following: (1) a letter of nomination from the student’s major professor (must include an overview of the student’s dissertation research project and the current status of the student’s progress on the work); (2) a copy of the student’s CV; (3) an endorsement letter from the department head or director of graduate studies; and (4) additional information from the Graduate Associate Dean related to the College’s assessment and ranking of the nominations.
* Nominations should be submitted to [GradSchoolDean@utk.edu](mailto:GradSchoolDean@utk.edu) no later than close of business on September 24, 2021.

If you have questions, contact Dixie Thompson at [GradSchoolDean@utk.edu](mailto:dixielee@utk.edu).