

**Outstanding Master's Student Thesis Award
Nomination and Evaluation Form**

Name: _____ Department: _____
 Institution: _____ Years in Higher Education: _____
 Student Name: _____
 Thesis Title: _____
 Nature of Evaluation (circle one): adviser department chair external evaluator

Directions

Please objectively evaluate the work nominated for the Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award, keeping in mind that this should be a unique and significant contribution to its field. Send the evaluation directly to the office of The Graduate School, attention Graduate Award Committee (Cleveland Hall 204, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14222-1095). We encourage you to add any comments in support of this work in the space provided on this form.

Please circle your response for each of the following statements.

1. **Originality of work:** The thesis addresses a unique question or issue in the respective field of study.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

2. **Significance of the research question or subject studied:** The area addressed by the thesis is significant to the field of study.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

3. **Appropriateness of the approach:** The approach taken in the thesis is well-suited to the purpose of the study and the field of investigation; the design is sound.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

4. **Abstract of the Thesis:** Abstract provides context/rationale for the work and presents main findings/conclusions/positions.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

5. **Literature Synthesis:** Student engaged significantly with the literature to support and provided context for the work and was appropriate for the field of study.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

6. **Soundness of the conclusions and interpretations:** The conclusions, interpretations, and implications are appropriate given the findings of the study.

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Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree

