



MEMO

TO: Deans, Directors, and Coordinators of Graduate Studies

FROM: Karen Jones, Associate Dean & Director of the Graduate School

SUBJECT: Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award

DATE: September 2, 2025

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for the Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award. The award, funded by Richard and Donna Falvo through the SIU Foundation and approved by the Graduate Council in September 1987, was awarded for the first time at the May 1988 commencement.

As outlined in the guidelines, the following rules apply:

- (1) Only one dissertation from each doctoral program may be nominated.
- (2) The nominated dissertation must have led to graduation during the 2024-2025 academic year (August 2024, December 2024, May 2025 graduations).
- (3) The nomination form is to be completed, with the student's approval, by the dissertation advisor. This form can be downloaded from the Graduate School website at <https://siu.edu/admissions/graduate/resources/forms.php>.

Please submit the following in one electronic copy to gradschl@siu.edu: Nomination form, completed dissertation, abstract, vita, a detailed statement of the nature and importance of the dissertation research, and any supporting documents. (See Nomination form for more information.)

If you do not have a dissertation from your program that you deem is truly outstanding, please do not feel compelled to make a nomination this year. The deadline for submitting completed nominations is **Friday, October 10, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Rose Moroz at rmtmoroz@siu.edu.