TO: Deans, Department Chairs, Graduate Program Directors

CC: Graduate Program Assistants

FROM: Pushpa Murthy, Dean of the Graduate School

DATE: February 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Graduate School Academic Excellence Award (GAEA)

The Graduate School is pleased to announce that the GAEA will continue for Summer and Fall 2018. The goal of this award is to incentivize and reward top Michigan Tech undergraduate students to pursue an accelerated master’s degree. Nominated students will receive a one-time $4,500 tuition award for the semester in which they start (Summer or Fall 2018). If a student is a summer start and does not utilize the full $4,500, the balance will be applied to their fall tuition bill.

For students to be eligible for the GAEA, they must:

- Be nominated by their academic program by March 2, 2018
- Be a first-time accelerated master’s student for the Summer or Fall 2018 semester
- Be enrolled as a full-time student
- Not be receiving funding from another source at Michigan Tech for their first semester of enrollment (e.g. assistantships, fellowships, or tuition support)

Jacque Smith will be in contact with Graduate Directors and Graduate Assistants with a list of students accepted to your accelerated master's program. Please let us know if you would like to nominate any of these students for a GAEA by March 2, 2018. Late applicants that are deemed as having the potential to be outstanding students will be considered after the March 2, 2018 deadline if funds are available.

We plan to make about 35 awards; our intent is to distribute the awards widely across all programs. Please do not delay sending your nominations as we would like to make the awards by March 2, 2018.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jacque Smith (jacque@mtu.edu; 7-1434).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Michigan Tech is EOE which includes protected veterans and individuals with disabilities.