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**GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS**

**(Approved during the Regular Faculty Meeting on 28 March 2016)**

**A. Academic Excellence Award for Undergraduate Student**

The student with the highest cumulative weighted average grade (CWAG) will be given the award.

**B. Most Outstanding Undergraduate Student**

In addition to CWAG, other traits such as leadership and involvement in extracurricular activities will be considered.

**C. Most Outstanding MS and Most Outstanding PhD Graduates**

The CS Guidelines for Graduate Awards will be followed. For the Most Outstanding MS Graduate, the qualifications are as follows:

*(1) satisfy the minimum academic requirements for admission and retention to the program of his/her discipline (a minimum average of 1.75)*

*(2) demonstrate the ability to do research (publication/presentation of part of thesis in a journal/conference)*

*(3) obtain the degree within a reasonable time since admission into the program (Maxim Residence Rule or MRR: no application for extension of residence)*

For the Most Outstanding PhD Graduate, the qualifications are as follows:

*(1) demonstrate academic excellence (a minimum average of 1.75)*

*(2) demonstrate the ability to do independent research (publication of part of the dissertation in a peer-reviewed scientific journal)*

*(3) obtain the degree within a reasonable time since admission into the program (Maxim Residence Rule or MRR: no application for extension of residence)*

*The following measure will be used for the ranking of the nominees:*

*Grades (30%): 0.3\*(highest CWAG among nominees)/(CWAG of nominee)*

*ISI Publications (70%): 0.7\*(number of publications)/(number of years)*

*Cut-off date of publication (or its acceptance for publication) for consideration: last day of submission of grades (for graduating students) of the term of graduation (of the nominee)*

*Only papers/publications related to the thesis/dissertation are to be considered in the evaluation.*