



**Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate
Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**

Statement of Intent Form

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, category for which they are applying (e.g., Best Ph.D.), and name of your university. **The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair by Friday April 24, 2026 to Nathan Kemper (nkemper@uark.edu)**

1. This statement of intent form
2. Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
3. Letter of recommendation from the research advisor.
4. A copy of the dissertation/thesis/case study

Your name:

Your e-mail address:

Award category for which you are applying (check one):

Best Ph.D. Dissertation

Best M.S. Thesis

Best M.S. Case Study

Graduation date as stated on your diploma (must be between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025):

University/College from which you graduated and that corresponds with the category for which you are applying:

Title of thesis/dissertation/case study:

Three key words that describe the content in your thesis/dissertation/ case study:

Name and affiliation of your advisor(s):

Prior to sending your packet to your department head/chair to submit, please review the checklist:

Does your paper fit within the criteria of research in the area of food distribution and marketing? Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

Have you thoroughly proofread your paper?

Have you saved your application materials as one PDF in the order listed above?