

ACTON INSTITUTE



NOVAK AWARD APPLICATION

Description: Named after the distinguished American theologian Michael Novak, this \$15,000 award rewards new outstanding scholarly research into the relationship between religion, economic liberty, and the free and virtuous society. This award recognizes those scholars early in their academic career who demonstrate outstanding scholarly merit in advancing the understanding of theology's connection to human dignity, the importance of the rule of law, limited government, religious liberty, and freedom in economic life.

Selection Process: Shortly after the application deadline, applications are reviewed and finalists are selected. The Novak Award recipient will be selected by the Acton Institute. Award decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Award Information:

- **Calihan Lecture:** The recipient of the Novak Award will present his or her research in a public forum known as the Calihan Lecture.
- **Acknowledgement:** Any published work drawn out of the award must also be granted by-line acknowledgment to the Novak Award and the Acton Institute.
- **Publicity:** The Acton Institute may publicize the award and has permission to identify a recipient as a Novak Award recipient.
- **Tax Compliance:** Recipients must comply with any applicable tax regulations.

Eligibility:

- Scholars who have received a doctorate from an accredited domestic or international program in the previous five calendar years. Current doctoral candidates in the process of completing their dissertations are also eligible.
- Nominees must be studying theology, religion, economics, philosophy, business, or a related field.
- Strong academic performance is essential.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated interest in the themes of the Acton Institute and Novak Award. Nominees must also display the potential to contribute to the advancement of these ideas.
- The Novak Award is open to all qualified persons irrespective of race, age, sex, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, religious affiliation, or disability.

Deadlines: To be considered for the Novak Award, the complete application must be postmarked by **March 15**.

Important Notes:

- **Award Communication:** *All award decisions are communicated via e-mail.* If you do not read your e-mail regularly, please clearly indicate this on your application.
- **Application Submission:** No faxed or e-mailed entries will be accepted. All application materials should be submitted together and be written in English.
- **Performance Assessment:** Like the vast majority of universities, scholarship programs, and research institutes, the Acton Institute does not enter into discussions with unsuccessful applicants concerning the particular reasons for their denial.

A completed application consists of:

1. This signed and completed application form
2. Curriculum vitae
3. A 500-word essay that describes your intellectual development, future plans, and career goals. This statement should elaborate on the source and development of your interest in the ideas and principles listed above. Include how you expect to contribute to a better understanding or application of these ideas.
4. A research paper, refereed published article, or other scholarly work, such as a book, monograph, or a conference paper, on a theme relevant to religion and economic liberty.
5. Two letters of recommendation from professors or other established scholars in your field.

Send the completed application materials to:

Acton Institute
Grants and Awards
98 East Fulton Street
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 USA

For more information: **Website:** www.acton.org/novak-award ▪ **E-mail:** grants-awards@acton.org

Instructions: Complete each page and answer all questions accurately and fully. When mailing the completed application, include this original signed form along with the other required materials listed above. All materials must be clearly legible.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Title First Name Middle Last Name Suffix

Current Postal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Address valid until (mo/yr): _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail (1): _____ E-mail (2): _____

Birth Date: _____ Country of birth: _____ Marital Status: _____

Sex: _____ Religious Affiliation: _____ Do you plan to be ordained? Yes No

How did you learn about the Novak Award? _____

Have you participated in Acton Institute programs or awards? Yes No If yes, which ones? _____

(Response will not affect application status)

List any foreign language(s) that you read and speak, noting relative fluency: _____

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL

Type of doctorate pursuing/received: _____ Area of concentration: _____

University where doctorate pursued/received: _____ Graduation date (mo/yr): _____

Please list academic degrees and scholarly honors/memberships you have earned since secondary school (include the graduation date, institution, and concentration):

List any business, professional, community, charitable, or religious organizations in which you have been active:

List any articles, books, or other works of significance you have written (include publication name and date):

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Please list two individuals who will be sending letters of reference to the Acton Institute:

(1) Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Institution: _____ Email Address: _____

Relationship: _____

(2) Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Institution: _____ Email Address: _____

Relationship: _____

CERTIFICATION

I have answered each question truthfully and have read the conditions of the award as published and agree to be bound to them if granted the Novak Award:

Date: _____ Signature: _____