2021 CAGS–PROQUEST DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARDS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The CAGS-ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Awards recognize Canadian doctoral dissertations that make significant and original contributions to their academic field. They were established in 1994 and are presented annually. There are two awards: one for engineering, medical sciences, and natural sciences; and one for fine arts, humanities and social sciences. The Awards are granted by the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) and are sponsored by ProQuest. They include a $1,500 prize, a Citation Certificate, and opportunity to attend the **59th Annual CAGS Conference**, to be held virtually in November 2021**.**

Eligible Dissertations:

a) A dissertation in any discipline in engineering, medical sciences and natural sciences completed and accepted by the Graduate School between **January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020**.

b) A dissertation in any discipline in the fine arts, humanities and social sciences completed and accepted by the Graduate School between **January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020**.

In interdisciplinary domains or in fields that overlap the two broad areas in which the prizes are given, the dean of graduate studies must decide for which prize it is appropriate to submit the dissertation.

Nomination Procedure:

Member institutions may submit two nominations: one for **each** award. Each nomination must include:

1. A letter of support from the Dean of Graduate Studies, which also includes the following information:

    i. A description of the process used to select the nominee;
    ii. The name and departmental affiliation of the nominee's research supervisor;
    iii. The name and affiliation of the external examiner;
    iv. The date of the defence and the date of final acceptance of the dissertation by the Graduate School (the date at which the final copy of the thesis, including all required corrections, is submitted to the graduate school).

2. A letter from the student's supervisor or program director describing the reasons for the nomination, and why the dissertation constitutes a significant piece of original work.

3. A copy of the external examiner's pre-defence report. The examiner's report must be dated and signed or otherwise authenticated by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

4. An abstract of the dissertation, not exceeding 350 words, written by the candidate in non-technical language (the candidate should also be aware of their nomination for the award and provide the information in items 4 and 5; should this not be possible the reasons must be given in the letter from the dean).

5. An up-to-date c.v. of the nominee.

6. The name and coordinates of the person to contact for questions relating to the nomination.

The deadline for submissions is **April 30, 2021 no later than 4:00 PM ET**.

Please send one nomination package (preferably in PDF format) for each award to: info@cags.ca

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