

To: Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Secretaries
From: Faculty of Graduate Studies
Re: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
2018 CAGS/PROQUEST-UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards
AND
2018 Dalhousie Doctoral Thesis Awards

Dear Graduate Coordinators and Graduate Secretaries,

FGS is pleased to call for nominations for the 2018 CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards.

The CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards recognize Canadian doctoral dissertations that make unusually 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-UMI (University Microfilms International). They include a \$1,500 prize, a Citation Certificate, and travel expenses of up to \$1,500 to attend the 2018 CAGS Annual Conference (Winnipeg, MB). The award competition details and checklist are found on the CAGS website at: <http://www.cags.ca/cagsumi.php>.

Each department is invited to nominate ONE candidate. Dalhousie will put forward one nomination in each category. The nominations put forward to CAGS/UMI in each category will automatically receive the Dalhousie Dissertation Awards. The Dalhousie Dissertation awards will be announced at the 2018 FGS Faculty Meeting in May and will include a framed parchment and citation.

The FGS Deadline is set for 4:00 pm Friday, March 2nd.

Eligible Dissertations:

- A dissertation in any discipline in engineering, medical sciences and natural sciences completed and accepted by the Graduate School between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.
- A dissertation in any discipline in the fine arts, humanities and social sciences completed and accepted by the Graduate School between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

(In interdisciplinary domains or in fields that overlap the two broad areas in which the prizes are given, the department can suggest the appropriate category. The Dean of Graduate Studies may reassign the category if necessary.)

Nomination material required from the department:

- 1) 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,
- 2) the final approved abstract of the dissertation, not exceeding 350 words
- 3) a current c.v. of the nominee
- 4) the name and coordinates of the person to contact for questions relative to this nomination.

FGS will provide a copy of the external examiner's pre-defence report.

If you have any questions please contact Alicia Kirk, Office Administrator (alicia.kirk@dal.ca)