2016 Graduate Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Awards

Field of Competition:
Biological Sciences: biology; botany; zoology; ecology; embryology; entomology; genetics; nutrition; plant pathology; plant physiology; anatomy; biochemistry; biophysics; microbiology; pathology; pharmacology; physiology; and related fields. Also included are agriculture, forestry, and related fields.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATIONS
To be considered, applicants must have completed their doctoral degree requirements and dissertation during the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, inclusive. The Graduate School will verify eligibility.

Materials: Each nominee must prepare an abstract (not to exceed 10 pages) of his or her dissertation, typed double-spaced on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper. In addition, appendices containing nontextual material, such as charts or tables, may be included. The pages should be numbered, and each should bear the name of the nominee. Letters from three references selected by the nominee, evaluating the significance and quality of his or her dissertation work, are to be included in the nomination materials. One of these letters is to be from the nominee’s dissertation supervisor, another from a member of the nominee’s dissertation committee, and the third from a person of the nominee's choice. The nominee may also choose to include a brief CV.

Deadline: All materials must be submitted to the Graduate School no later than May 22, 2017. These applicants may be considered for the national CGS Dissertation Award based on this submission. None of these materials will be returned. If the UNC Charlotte applicant is a finalist for the national CGS award, additional documentation may be requested.

Award: The winner will receive $1,000 and an invitation to the awards reception, where plaques will be presented.*

Criteria: The nominated dissertations should represent original work making an unusually significant contribution to the disciplines. Both methodological and substantive quality will be judged.

Address: All nomination materials should be sent electronically to jennifer.harkey@uncc.edu by 5:00 pm on May 22nd.

*Some nominees may be considered for the CGS award and be eligible for an honorarium of $2,000 and a certificate of citation, which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools. This information is based on the national CGS competition information.