2018 Graduate Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Award

Field of Competition:
- Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering
- Social Sciences (disciplines like economics, geography, anthropology, education, sociology, political science, demography, and psychology). Please note that for the purposes of this competition, history is classed within the humanities and is not a field of competition this year.

Instructions for Nominations:
To be considered, applicants must have completed their doctoral degree requirements and dissertation during the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018, 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’s curriculum vitae (not to exceed 5 pages).

Deadline:
All materials are to be submitted to the Graduate School no later than Friday, May 25, 2018. 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:
Each winner – one from each category - 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 ceohara@uncc.edu by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 25th.

*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.