



Canadian Association for Graduate Studies

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2015 CAGS/PROQUEST-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 2015 CAGS Annual Conference (Calgary, Alberta).

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, 2014 and December 31, 2014**.
- b) A dissertation in any discipline in the fine arts, humanities and social sciences completed and accepted by the Graduate School between **January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014**.

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:
 - a) a description of the process used to select the nominee;
 - b) the name and departmental affiliation of the nominee's research supervisor;
 - c) the name and affiliation of the external examiner;
 - d) the date of the defence and the date of final acceptance of the dissertation by the Graduate School¹;
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 language²;
5. an up-to-date c.v. of the nominee.
6. the name and coordinates of the person to contact for questions relative to this nomination.

Normally nominations must be received at the CAGS National Office not later than **March 31, 2015**.

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¹ This means the date at which the final copy of the thesis, including all required corrections, is submitted to the graduate school.

² The candidate should be aware of his or her nomination for the award and provide the information in 4. and 5.; should this not be possible, the reasons must be given in the letter from the dean.