Call for Nominations

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2015-16 Folsom Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award

Submit nominations for this award online by February 11, 2016
http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/awards

The Dean of Graduate Studies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is soliciting nominations for the UNL Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award. Funded by the Folsom family through the University of Nebraska Foundation, the award recognizes and rewards distinguished scholarship and research at the doctoral level. Nominated dissertations should represent original work making an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. Both methodological and substantive quality will be judged.

Guidelines

1. Each department or interdepartmental program may submit one doctoral dissertation for consideration. Department guidelines for selection are up to each department/area.
2. The dissertation must have been received in December 2014, May 2015 or August 2015. The degree award will be confirmed by the graduate dean.
3. Nomination materials must be submitted online to include:
   a. *Abstract.
   b. Three letters from referees evaluating the significance and quality of the dissertation work. The nominee should request one of these letters from the dissertation supervisor, another from a member of the dissertation committee, and the third from an expert scholar of the nominee’s choice from within or outside the University of Nebraska who did not serve on the nominee’s supervisory committee;
   c. Two-page vita; and
   d. Contact information for TWO reviewers from OUTSIDE the University who have agreed to review and rank the abstract. These reviewers may not have been involved in the dissertation writing process, either as committee members or as collaborators.
5. Outside reviewers will be contacted and their reviews will be completed by March 25, 2016.
6. A Graduate Faculty Awards Committee will evaluate the nominations and determine the recipient of the award. At the committee’s discretion, additional consultation may be sought.
7. The recipient of the Lowe R. and Mavis M. Folsom Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award will receive a $1000 honorarium, a commemorative medallion, and be invited, along with his or her faculty mentor, to attend an awards luncheon during Spring Semester 2016.

*General Formatting of Research Abstract (for Folsom Dissertation Award)

- The research abstract is a summary of your dissertation.
- Left-justify all text.
- No more than 10 pages plus appendix, double-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins, number pages, and include your name on each page in the header (left side).
- Include a brief list of works/research/literature cited in abstract.
- Citations may be included for important references; can be either footnotes or endnotes; can be singled-spaced and must be within the 10-page abstract limit.
- An appendix is optional. It can include non-textual material such as charts or tables, and no more than five pages (in addition to the dissertation abstract).
- Include your full name and most recent degree awarded (i.e., M.S., M.A., PhD) at the top of the first page (centered).
- List the department where the research was conducted. Use the official department name.
- Include the name of your advisor(s).