



Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools (TCGS) Graduate Student Master's Thesis Award

Purpose: The TCGS is committed to excellence in all matters of interest to its membership, which includes recognizing the exceptional work of Tennessee graduate students. Toward that end, the TCGS graduate student thesis award is a formal recognition of these outstanding individuals. These awards are modeled after those presented by the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS).

Award: The Graduate Student Thesis Award will be presented at the spring meeting of the TCGS. This award will be based on the clarity of style and presentation, scholarship, research method, and contributions to the field or discipline. The award will carry a \$500 stipend. The graduate student awardee is expected to present in Poster format his/her research at the Legislative Plaza during Graduate Education week; travel/hotel/per diem will be provided. In addition, the awardee is expected to present his/her research at the spring TCGS meeting, which will be held at a location to be determined in the spring of 2017; travel/hotel/per diem will again be provided. If the graduate student awardee is unable to attend the meeting, the presentation can be made via Skype.

Application: Graduate Deans or their designee at TCGS member institutions may nominate one person whose thesis has been accepted in partial fulfillment of the degree requirements during the past academic year and/or summer session. This nomination is due to TCGS by December 2nd. The TCGS Awards Committee, appointed by the TCGS President at the fall meeting, will consider the nominations and announce the winner around mid-January each year.

Nominating Materials: The Graduate Dean or designee shall provide the following materials as part of the nomination materials:

- Application form completed by the nominee (below).
- An abstract of the thesis (1-2 pages, double-spaced), prepared by the nominee.
- A brief resume or cv from the nominee (1-2 pages).
- A nomination letter from the major professor (including contribution to the field)
- A working link or pdf file to the completed Master's thesis

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Date: _____ Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Title of Thesis: _____

Printed Name of Graduate Dean (or designee)

Signature of Graduate Dean (or designee)

Email Address

Name of Institution

The signature of the Graduate Dean (or designee) signifies that the thesis has been accepted in partial fulfillment of the degree requirements during the past academic year and/or summer session.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017 Please email the application to Dr. Robin Poston, rposton@memphis.edu