

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, a formal recognition of these outstanding individuals is with the TCGS graduate student thesis award. 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 and travel/hotel/per diem to attend the spring TCGS meeting; presentation at the spring TCGS meeting is a requirement for the award. The graduate student awardee also 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.

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 each year by December 1st. 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, each year

Please email the application to Karin Bartoszuk, Ph.D. at bartoszu@etsu.edu