

2008 Graduate Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate School

Application Instructions

Purpose: To recognize the scholarly contributions of UNC-Chapel Hill doctoral students as revealed through their dissertation projects and to highlight the timely completion of doctoral training.

Nominations: Each graduate program may nominate one doctoral student who has completed/will complete his/her doctoral degree during the 2007/08 academic year. Eligible students will include those who graduate during the period of May 1, 2007 to May 11, 2008. Students who have not yet graduated by the nomination deadline will need to demonstrate sufficient progress to indicate that they will complete in time to meet graduation deadlines for spring, 2008.

After programs have selected a nominee, the nominee is responsible for submitting the following material to the Graduate School by the **due date: January 7, 2008**.

Materials: Each nominee should submit an abstract (not to exceed 50 words) and a summary of their dissertation project (together with abstract not to exceed 10 pages). These should be double-spaced, 12 point font, with pages numbered, with the applicant's name on each page. In addition, an appendix containing selected nontextual material, such as charts or tables, may be included; however, the appendix material cannot exceed 5 pages.

The nominee should also include: 1) a letter from their dissertation advisor, evaluating the significance and quality of their dissertation project; and, 2) the names of two individuals (e.g., dissertation committee members) who would be able to provide an evaluation of their dissertation project, if asked to do so at a later time.

Deadline: Six copies of all materials are to be submitted to the Graduate School Fellowship Office, 218 Bynum Hall, no later than January 7th, 2008. Winners will be notified by early February, 2008.

Award: Four Graduate Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Awards, consisting of an honorarium of \$1,000 and a recognition plaque, will be presented at the Graduate School's annual Graduate Student Recognition Event on April 3, 2008. One award will be given in each of the four subject areas. Two of the recipients of these awards will be subsequently nominated by the Graduate Dean in the national competition for the Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award.

Criteria: The Graduate School will appoint a committee of distinguished faculty to evaluate and select award recipients. At their discretion, additional consultation may be sought. The selection criteria include the following: Originality; scholarly excellence, methodological sophistication and significant contribution to the discipline. In order to recognize timely completion of doctoral training, preference will be given to nominees who will have completed their doctoral training in a timely manner (i.e., 6 years or less in most disciplines).

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Nomination Form**

Name: _____ PID: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Department _____

Dissertation Area (select one): Mathematical, Physical Sciences & Engineering: ____ Social Sciences: ____

Biological and Life Sciences: ____ Humanities & Fine Arts: ____

Dissertation title: _____

Date dissertation proposal examined and approved: _____

Date final dissertation approved/scheduled by Graduate School: _____

Graduation date/ intended graduation date: _____

Dissertation advisor: _____

Please list the names of your dissertation committee members:

1. Name: _____

Dept: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Dept: _____

Email: _____

3. Name: _____

Dept: _____

Email: _____

4. Name: _____

Dept: _____

Email: _____

5. Name: _____

Dept: _____

Email: _____

6. Name: _____

Dept: _____

Email: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____