



2023 Graduate Education Week Student Awards

**Outstanding Dissertation Nomination Form**

*(one nomination per department)*

**Award Category:**     Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics         Social Science, Business, Education, Humanities

*Note: The Graduate School may nominate the winning dissertations for the ProQuest/Council of Graduate Schools Distinguished Dissertation Award in years that the subject area matches the rotating fields of competition.*

Student’s name \_\_\_\_\_

Semester & year of degree conferral \_\_\_\_\_

Department head \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please print name)*

Signature of department head or designee \_\_\_\_\_

*(Signature is required to confirm student as department’s nominee)*

**AWARD CRITERIA**

- Originality of idea
- Clarity and effectiveness of presentation
- Quality of writing
- Significance of the contribution to the field
- Dissertation must have been submitted and approved during calendar year 2022 or defended in fall 2022 and approved before the nomination deadline
- Only one nomination per department or interdisciplinary degree program
- Secured dissertations are not eligible

**NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS/CHECKLIST**

- Completed nomination form
- Double-spaced summary (maximum 2 pages) written by nominee so that reviewers outside the field can gain insight into contribution
- One-page nomination letter from major professor addressing all selection criteria and including nominee’s current position, if applicable
- One-page support letter from another member of dissertation committee
- Curriculum vitae from nominee (maximum 2 pages)

**To nominate a student, compile signed nomination form and all supporting documents on the checklist (in the above order) in a single PDF file. Upload this package through the following survey:**

<https://virginiatech.questionpro.com/studentawards>

**Deadline: January 27, 2023**

For more information or assistance, contact Graduate School Student Services at 540-231-9561 or email [grads@vt.edu](mailto:grads@vt.edu) (type GEW Awards in the subject line.)

*A Graduate School committee will select the winner in each category. An honorarium of \$1000 will be disbursed to the student, and the Graduate School will recognize all winners during  
Graduate Education Week, March 27-31, 2023*

*The Graduate School will send an announcement about the winners to VT News and various VT social media.*