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June 13, 2022 Memorandum

To: CAOs, SUNY Doctoral Sector
From: Shadi Sandvik, Provost-in-Charge
RE: SUNY Chancellor's Distinguished PhD Graduate Dissertation Award

I am pleased to announce the second year of the SUNY Chancellor's Distinguished PhD Graduate Dissertation Award. Please see the description below and instructions attached.

Guidelines for Nominations

The SUNY Distinguished PhD Graduate Dissertation Award honors recent SUNY PhDs who have completed the dissertation. In addition to the formal award, the winner will receive \$5,000 to support professional development and up to five finalists will receive \$1,000 toward professional development.

The purpose of this award is to recognize and celebrate—at a System level—the outstanding work and positive impact that SUNY PhDs have in their respective fields, communities, and beyond. Each year, SUNY graduates nearly 1,200 PhD students from its doctoral-granting campuses, including the University at Albany, Binghamton University, University at Buffalo, Downstate Health Sciences University, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, SUNY College of Optometry, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, Stony Brook University, Upstate Medical University, and the statutory colleges at Alfred University and Cornell University. With this award, SUNY seeks to underscore its ongoing commitment to our many PhDs' continued success.

Nature of the Award and Recognition

Honorees will be recognized formally by the Chancellor.

Abstracts of each finalist's work will appear in an online publication produced and distributed by the SUNY communications team and also publicized on the SUNY Press web site.

The first-place winner will receive the Chancellor's Dissertation Award and a \$5,000 prize and up to five finalists will receive a \$1,000 prize.

Honorees may use the funds as best supports their professional career development. For example, honorees might use the funds for the following:

- Conference registration fees and associated travel
- Training program registration fees
- Subventions funding for book publications

- Subvention funding for open-access publication in a book or journal
- Publishing services assistance for book or journal publications
- Editorial services for publishing in academic journals, such as authoring support services

All finalists will also be invited to discuss their publishing projects with the SUNY Press editorial team upon request.

Eligibility

All SUNY graduate students who have successfully defended their PhD dissertation and are approved for graduation with the PhD award in academic year 2021-2022 are eligible for nomination.

For students enrolled in dual-degree programs that include the PhD, individuals are eligible when the campus can certify that all requirements of the PhD have been met.

Nomination

A single nomination for the Distinguished PhD Dissertation Award must be made by the respective doctoral institution's Chief Academic Officer or Dean of the Graduate School (or equivalent).

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations for the Distinguished Dissertation Award are to be submitted to the SUNY Provost at dissertationaward@suny.edu by **August 5, 2022**.

Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee

The Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee will be empaneled by the SUNY Provost and chaired by the Assistant Provost for Graduate Education and Research. Nominations will be vetted both by field-specialists and by members of a general audience. Members of the Committee will include the SUNY Director of Data Innovation Strategy (or designee); the SUNY Chief Diversity Officer (or designee); the Director of SUNY Press; and additional members as deemed appropriate by the Provost. The Committee will prepare a recommendation for the SUNY Provost's review. The Provost will then forward a recommendation to the SUNY Chancellor for final determination.

Instructions for nominations are attached.

Questions may be directed to dissertationaward@suny.edu .

Thank you.



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