

CANADIAN ASSOCIATE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (CAGS)

The Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) promotes graduate education and university research through meetings, publications and advocacy. It brings together 58 Canadian universities with graduate programs and the three Federal research-granting agencies, as well as other institutions and organizations having an interest in graduate studies. The CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award recognizes Canadian doctoral dissertations that make unusually significant and original contributions to their academic field.

Winners of this award will be granted a \$1,500 cash prize, a certificate of recognition, and an opportunity to attend the Annual CAGS Conference.

Eligibility:

- A dissertation in any discipline in **engineering, medical sciences, and natural sciences** completed and accepted by the Graduate School between 1 January (current year) and 31 December (current year)
- A dissertation in any discipline in the **fine arts, humanities, and social sciences** completed and accepted by the Graduate School between 1 January (current year) and 31 December (current year)

Note: In interdisciplinary domains or in fields that overlap the two broad areas in which the prizes are given, the Dean of Graduate Studies must decide for which prize it is appropriate to submit the dissertation.

Documentation:

1. A letter from the student's supervisor or program director describing the reasons for the nomination, and why the dissertation constitutes a significant piece of original work.
2. A copy of the external examiner's pre-defence report.
3. An abstract of the dissertation, not exceeding 350 words, written by the candidate in non-technical language (the candidate should also be aware of their nomination for the award and provide the information in items 4 and 5).
4. An up-to-date c.v. of the nominee.
5. A copy of an up-to-date student record.

Application Procedure

The winners will be selected by the University Doctoral Dissertation Selection Committee responsible for the selection of Concordia's nominations for the ADDESAQ and CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Awards. Please note that the nomination and selection criteria are identical to those established for the CAGS/UMI awards. Therefore, the Committee nominees for the CAGS/UMI awards will be the winners for the Concordia University Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation prize.

Deadline:

The deadline to submit to School of Graduate Studies is embedded in the call for nomination email.



DATE OF APPLICATION: _____
NOMINATED BY: _____

CAGS APPLICATION FORM

Candidate's Name: _____
Last First

Department: _____

ID: _____ **Email:** _____

Thesis Supervisor: _____

Thesis Title: _____

Date of Thesis Defence: _____

Date Degree Awarded: _____

Current Position: _____

Current Affiliation / Employer: _____

Competition Research Category: _____

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Doc 2

**A copy of the external
examiner's pre-defence
report**

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**An abstract of the dissertation, not exceeding
350 words, written by the candidate in non-
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Doc 4

A copy of the nominee's C.V.

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Doc 5

A copy of an up-to-date Student Record

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