

Council of Graduate Schools/University Microfilms International Distinguished Dissertation Award

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the CGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation, presented for outstanding dissertations written by scholars who earned their doctorate in the previous two years. Awards are given in two broad fields, this year in (1) Biological and Life Sciences and (2) Humanities and Fine Arts (see below for disciplines within these fields). Each member university may nominate one individual in each broad field.

The nominee's doctoral degree requirements must be completed between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2011.

Required preliminary (internal) nomination materials: Dissertation Abstract of no more than 10 pages, double spaced; Letter of support from Dissertation Advisor elaborating on the work's outstanding merits and contribution to its field.

Deadline for preliminary materials to be submitted to Dr. Morris Grubbs in the Graduate School: ~~May 1, 2014~~ **Deadline is extended to May 30, 2011.**

(The nominee in each broad category selected by the Graduate School committee will be asked to submit two additional letters of support and other materials to Dr. Grubbs by July 1.)

The following lists, although not all-inclusive, illustrates the two broad fields:

Biological and Life Sciences: biology; botany; zoology; ecology; embryology; entomology; genetics; nutrition; plant pathology; plant physiology; anatomy; biochemistry; biophysics; microbiology; pathology; pharmacology; physiology; and related fields. Also included are agriculture, forestry, and related fields.

Humanities/Fine Arts: history; philosophy; language; linguistics; literature; archaeology; jurisprudence; the history, theory and criticism of the arts; ethics; comparative religion; and those aspects of the social sciences that employ historical or philosophical approaches.

The CGS/UMI Award operates on a two-year cycle in regard to fields of competition. The fields of competition for 2012 will be Social Sciences and Mathematics/Physical Sciences/Engineering; for 2013, Biological/Life Sciences and Humanities/Fine Arts.

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