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Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

To: Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, and Graduate Program Administrators

From: Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research – Award Services

Re: **2021 CAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce the details of the 2021 Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS)/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Awards competition, now available on [FGSR's website](#). The [CAGS-ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Awards](#) recognize Canadian doctoral dissertations that make unusually significant and original contributions to their academic field. They were established in 1994 and are presented annually. There are two awards: one for engineering, medical sciences and natural sciences; and one for arts, humanities and social sciences. The Awards are granted by the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) and are sponsored by ProQuest. They include a \$1,500 prize, a certificate of recognition, and an opportunity attend the **CAGS 59th Annual Conference to be held virtually in November 2021**.

Eligible Dissertations:

- A dissertation in any discipline in engineering, medical sciences and natural sciences completed and accepted by the FGSR between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- A dissertation in any discipline in the fine arts, humanities and social sciences completed and accepted by the FGSR between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.

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

Nomination Procedure:

Each department may submit one nomination via GSMS by **Wednesday, March 31, 2020** (late nominations will not be accepted). Each nomination must include:

1. A letter from the nominee's supervisor or Chair/Graduate Coordinator describing the reasons for the nomination, and why the dissertation constitutes a significant piece of original work;
 - in the letter, include the name and departmental affiliation of the nominee's research supervisor;
 - in the letter, include the name and affiliation of the external examiner;
2. A copy of the external examiner's pre-defence report. The examiner's report must be dated and signed.
3. An abstract of the dissertation, not exceeding 350 words, written by the nominee in non-technical language;
4. An up-to-date CV of the nominee. Contributions to collaborative publications and research activities should be clearly explained.

Note: the nominee should be aware of his or her nomination for the award and provide the information in 3 and 4. Should this not be possible, the reasons must be given in the letter from the Chair/Graduate Coordinator.

FGSR will consider all nominations received by **March 31st** and forward one nomination for each award to the CAGS National Office by the April 30, 2021 deadline. Successful nominees will be notified directly by CAGS.

Sincerely,

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