

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AND MASTER'S THESIS AWARDS**

The Graduate College is pleased to call for nominations for the 2018 Outstanding Dissertation and Thesis awards. One Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award (\$1,000) and one Outstanding MS Thesis Award (\$500) may be presented at the Health Sciences Center Student Awards Ceremony in April. All nominees will be recognized at the GREAT Awards Ceremony.

ELIGIBILITY

Any student who received an MS (thesis option) or PhD degree in the **2017 calendar year**.

All programs resulting in MS or PhD degrees are eligible to participate. One nomination per degree per program is accepted. All submissions must be evaluated by a program or college screening committee to identify one nomination to move forward.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF. Please make sure the PDF is text-searchable.

The package should include, in this order:

1. Nomination Form
2. Letter of support from the student's mentor
3. Letter of support from the program screening committee
4. The Thesis or Dissertation

The Program Director or Department Chair should submit the nomination package. Email the package (or use [Secure File Transfer](#) if too large for email) to Gillian-Air@ouhsc.edu with cc to catina-jordan@ouhsc.edu by **5 pm, Monday, February 5th, 2018**.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE

The Graduate College Research & Graduate Student Affairs Committee will review all applications and submit their recommendations to the Dean. Additional committee members will be added if needed to ensure appropriate expertise and workload.

The committee will evaluate the Dissertation/Thesis for **clarity** (organization, communication, presentation), **scholarship** (the question being asked, ability to set the work in context, the literature review), **quality of data** (including statistical analyses) and **contribution to the field**.

For further information please contact Dr. Gillian Air or Catina Jordan at (405) 271-2085. The selection committee may elect not to award one or both prizes.