Call for Nominations

**Faculty of Land and Food Systems**

**Top Doctoral Dissertation Award**

We are seeking nominations for the newly created **Faculty of Land and Food Systems Top Doctoral Dissertation Award for 2022**. The recipient of this award will be nominated for both the [CAGS Distinguished Dissertation Award](https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/cagsproquest-distinguished-dissertation-awards) and the [Governor General’s Gold Medal.](https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/governor-generals-gold-medal)

**Submission Deadline**

All nomination documents must be submitted to [lfs.gradasst@ubc.ca](mailto:lfs.gradasst@ubc.ca) by **noon, February 22nd, 2023.**

**Value**

LFS Top Doctoral Dissertation Award: $750.00

**Eligibility**

The nominated student’s thesis receipt from the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies must be dated between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022; please refer to the attached Appendix for a list of eligible students.

**Nomination Procedures**

Nomination packages for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award must include all of the following:

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|  | * A letter from the student’s supervisor describing the reasons for nomination, and why the dissertation constitutes a significant piece of original work (confidential from supervisor to LFS G&PS Office) |
|  | * A completed [Governor General’s Gold Medal application](https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/governor-generals-gold-medal) |

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|  | **Application form** filled out by the student. |
|  | **UBC transcript**: The ”Academic History” document – request from LFS G&PS Office. |
|  | **Other transcripts:** Transcripts must be authentic, up to date and complete - request from LFS G&PS Office. |
|  | A copy of the **External Examiner’s pre-exam report** (this will be supplied by the LFS G&PS Office). |
|  | An **abstract of the dissertation**, not exceeding 350 words, written by the candidate in non-technical language. |
|  | An up-to-date **CV** of the nominee. |
|  | A copy of the chair’s report (this will be supplied by the LFS G&PS Office). |

**Adjudication**

The award will be adjudicated based on the following criteria:

* Originality of the research,
* significance of the study,
* quality of the thesis,
* outcomes and accomplishments deriving from the research.

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the LFS Graduate Advisors Committee. Award will be assigned and appear on student’s permanent record as “***Special UBC Graduate Scholarship – Top LFS Doctoral Dissertation 2022***”

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**Appendix**

List of eligible Faculty of Land and Food Systems candidates based on dissertation receipt date (**January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**).

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| **Student (LAST, First)** | **Graduate Program** | **Supervisor(s)** |
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