



## **Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award (2018)**

The Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award recognizes original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. The eighth competition will occur in Spring 2018. We invite nominations from colleges for Ph.D. dissertations defended and submitted to the Graduate School in **calendar year 2017**.

Applications are accepted within four broad disciplinary areas: 1) Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering; 2) Social Sciences; 3) Humanities and Fine Arts; and 4) Biological and Life Sciences. The Council of Graduate Schools uses these categories for the annual CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Awards. (For definitions of these disciplinary categories, please see Appendix A.)

Recipients of the Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award will receive an honorarium of \$1000 and may be nominated by the University for the CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award.

Up to four Awards will be given each year, one in each of the four broad disciplinary areas. Both methodological and substantive quality will be judged.

Nominations will be made by colleges to the Graduate School.

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: Extended to Wednesday, February 28, 2018, by 12:00 noon.**

### **ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

To be eligible for this competition, a dissertation must be submitted by a Ph.D. candidate to the Graduate School in calendar year 2017.

*Students, please contact your department and college for more information about the nomination process.*

*Colleges and their programs may use whatever process they choose to select their nominees for this competition.*

### **NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Each college may nominate at least one dissertation. Colleges that award more than 25 Ph.D.s annually (averaged over the past three years) may nominate an additional dissertation for each 25 Ph.D.s awarded, as reported by IRPA. (Nomination allotments can be found on Appendix B.)

Each dissertation must meet the eligibility requirement and must be written by a Ph.D. student whose home department is in the college making the nomination.

The college may choose the disciplinary category most appropriate for each nominated dissertation.

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### NOMINATION PACKAGE

Nomination packages must be submitted to <http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/> in two PDF files.

**The first PDF file** is the nomination package. Please include these five elements:

1. a Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award Cover Sheet (*found on page 4, or online*);
2. a letter of recommendation from the dissertation supervisor that evaluates the significance and quality of the dissertation;
3. a letter of nomination from the College. The College letter should include substantive contributions to the package and not simply cover or summarize the dissertation supervisor's letter.
4. a 10-page, double-spaced abstract of the dissertation, written specifically for this competition.
  - The abstract should be written by the nominee and it should be written for a non-specialist audience.
  - Each page of the abstract should be numbered and bear the name of the nominee.
  - Appendices containing non-textual material, such as charts or tables, may be included in addition to the 10 pages; and
5. the nominee's brief CV. (4 page maximum)

**The second PDF file** is the whole dissertation in PDF form.

### SELECTION

The dissertations nominated for the Charles A. Caramello Distinguished Dissertation Award will be evaluated, and award recipients selected, by a multi-disciplinary, campus-level Selection Committee. A Distinguished University Professor will Chair the Selection Committee.

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of some dissertations, the selection committee may move a dissertation from one of the four disciplinary areas to another.

The Committee expects the 10-page abstract to be written for a non-specialist audience.

### CONTACT

Please direct any questions to Robyn Kotzker, Assistant Director for the Office of Funding Opportunities ([rkotzker@umd.edu](mailto:rkotzker@umd.edu), 301.405.0281.)

## APPENDIX A

### Council of Graduate Schools Definitions for Dissertation Award Categories

The following list, although not all-inclusive, illustrates the field considered as **Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Engineering**: mathematics, statistics, computer sciences, data processing, systems analysis, chemistry, earth sciences, physics, geology, meteorology, astronomy, metallurgy, geophysics, pharmaceutical chemistry; aeronautical, architectural, biomedical, ceramic, chemical, civil, and electrical engineering sciences; environmental health engineering; geological, mechanical, mining, nuclear, and petroleum engineering. (For purposes of this competition, engineering technologies are not included.)

The following list, although not all-inclusive, illustrates the fields considered as **Social Sciences**: agricultural economics, geography, anthropology, archaeology, economics, education, sociology, government (political science), demography, and psychology. (For purposes of this competition, history is considered with the humanities.)

The following list, although not all-inclusive, illustrates the fields considered as **Humanities and 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 following list, although not all-inclusive, illustrates the field considered as **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.

## APPENDIX B

### Nomination Allotments by College

Each college may nominate one dissertation. Colleges that award more than 25 PhDs annually (averaged over the past three years) may nominate an additional dissertation for each 25 PhDs awarded, as reported by IRPA.

AGNR	1
ARCH	1
ARHU	4
BSOS	3
BMGT	1
CMNS	6
EDUC	4
ENGR	5
INFO	1
JOUR	1
PLCY	1
SPHL	1



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DISTINGUISHED DISSERTATION AWARD
Nomination Form

Colleges, please submit the nomination(s) to
http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/.

The first PDF file must include the five required elements listed in the guidelines. The second
PDF must be an electronic copy of the nominee's whole dissertation. Colleges should refer to
Appendix B to see nomination allotments

Award Guidelines can be found at http://gradschool.umd.edu/funding/student-fellowships-
awards/distinguished-dissertation-award.

Nomination deadline is extended to noon, Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's UID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Current Postal Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating College: \_\_\_\_\_

Department and Program (or Field): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Nominee's Dissertation: \_\_\_\_\_

If interdisciplinary, please indicate fields \_\_\_\_\_

Date Dissertation was submitted to the Graduate School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Cleared for Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Advisor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Advisor's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dissertation Advisor's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Disciplinary Area (check one):

\_\_\_ Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering

\_\_\_ Social Sciences

\_\_\_ Humanities and Fine Arts

\_\_\_ Biological and Life Sciences

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a dissertation from one of the four disciplinary areas to another.