



THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT  
**GRADUATE COLLEGE**

**Graduate College Thesis and Dissertation Awards**

**The Graduate College invites applications and nominations for the following awards:**

**Outstanding Master's Thesis Award:** An Outstanding Master's Thesis Award of \$500 will be made to recognize the work of a Master's student who graduated in May, August, or October 2023, or January 2024.

**Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award:** An Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award of \$750 will be made to recognize the work of a doctoral student who graduated in May, August, or October 2023, or January 2024.

Note: if the field of applications /nominations for either award warrants two award categories, one award may be given for social sciences, humanities, and creative arts and another for basic/applied sciences.

**Deadline: April 15, 2024, by 4:30 pm.**

**Application/Nomination materials for either award must include the following:**

1. In a single .PDF, in this order, sent to: [Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu](mailto:Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu) - Subject Line: “[Thesis] or [Dissertation] Award – [Student Name]”
  - a. Cover page: Indicate student's name, mentor/advisor's name, degree program name, and title of thesis or dissertation.
  - b. Student's Curriculum Vitae (including a list of all publications, with those related to thesis/dissertation work marked with an \*).
  - c. Student's statement (max. 3 pages). The student should concisely describe how their studies provide major new insights and describe their contribution to the following: development of the concept or hypothesis, experimental design, development of new methods or materials, collection and interpretation of data, and preparation of the document.
2. Complete .PDF copy of the thesis or dissertation.
3. Separately, two faculty members should each send a letter of recommendation. The letters should evaluate the importance of the studies within a broadly defined field, the contributions of the student. Publications, if any, related to the thesis/dissertation work should be noted. Please indicate the relationship of referee to student (i.e., advisor, committee member, and/or collaborator). The letters should be submitted to: [Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu](mailto:Erica.Hanson-Pietricola@uvm.edu) – Subject line: “Thesis/Dissertation Award Recommendation Letter for [student name]”.

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