NYU University-Wide Outstanding Dissertation Awards

NYU Schools are invited to submit nominations for $2,200 university-wide outstanding dissertation awards for AY2020. Schools may submit up to three total nominations across any combination of award categories.

This year, the categories have been expanded to include themes reflective of Presidential and Provostial Cross-Cutting Initiatives. For 2020, awards categories include Social Sciences; Humanities & Arts; Science & Technology; Allied Health & Social Services; Aging; Urban; Inequality; and Climate Change.

Who is Eligible?
Schools may nominate students who received the doctoral degree in May 2019, September 2019, or January 2020. Students who are scheduled to receive the doctorate in May 2020 are not eligible for this award cycle.

Criteria for Award Selection

The selection criteria for each dissertation category will include:

- Evidence of a superlative academic record
- The caliber of the scholar's record, including evidence of likelihood for being a leader in the scholar's field
- The significance and potential intellectual and social impact of the dissertation on the scholar's field of choice

The recipients of this award will be recognized at a reception on March 30, 2020. A condition of the award is that winners attend the award reception on March 30th, and that their plans to attend do not change.

We look forward to celebrating with our winners at the reception in March!

Submission Materials

For each nomination, Schools should submit a single pdf to doctoral.affairs@nyu.edu including the following materials:

- Cover page – use required template, including signature from School leader (e.g., Dean, Associate Dean, etc.) confirming School approval of the nomination
- Curriculum Vitae
- Dissertation abstract – 2-4 pages; double-spaced; Times New Roman; 1 inch margins
- One letter of reference from the thesis advisor - Must assess the general quality of the applicant’s graduate work, the expected contribution of the dissertation to the discipline, and the prospects for its publication either in whole or in part