



Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools (TCGS) Graduate Student Master’s Thesis/Final Project Award

Purpose: The TCGS is committed to excellence in all matters of interest to its membership, which includes recognizing the exceptional work of Tennessee graduate students. Toward that end, the TCGS graduate student thesis/final project award is a formal recognition of these outstanding individuals. These awards are modeled after those presented by the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS).

Award: The Graduate Student Thesis/Final Project Award will be presented at the Spring meeting of the TCGS. This award will be based on the clarity of style and presentation, scholarship, research method, and contributions to the field or discipline. The award will carry a \$500 stipend. The graduate student awardee is expected to present their research at the Spring TCGS meeting, scheduled for March 12th, 2021.

Application: Graduate Deans or their designee at TCGS member institutions may nominate one person whose thesis/final project has been accepted in partial fulfillment of the degree requirements during the past academic year and/or summer session. This nomination is due to TCGS by December 1st. The TCGS Awards Committee, appointed by the TCGS President at the Fall meeting, will consider the nominations and announce the winner around mid-January each year.

Nominating Materials: The Graduate Dean or designee shall provide the following materials as part of the nomination materials:

- Application form completed by the nominee (below).
- An abstract of the thesis/final project (1-2 pages, double-spaced), prepared by the nominee.
- A brief resume or cv from the nominee (1-2 pages).
- A nomination letter from the major professor (including contribution to the field)
- A working link or pdf file to the completed Master’s thesis/final project

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Date: _____ **Name:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address: _____

Title of Thesis/Final Project:

Printed Name of Graduate Dean (or designee)

Signature of Graduate Dean (or designee)

Email Address

Name of Institution

The signature of the Graduate Dean (or designee) signifies that the thesis/final project has been accepted in partial fulfillment of the degree requirements during the past academic year and/or summer session.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2020

Please email the application to Dr. Robin Poston, rposton@memphis.edu