

Call for Nominations: Distinguished Dissertation/Thesis Awards

Due: Deadline as posted on ME Grad Blog

The Purdue University College of Engineering Distinguished Dissertation and Thesis Awards recognize students who have completed dissertations or theses representing original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to their disciplines. Each School of Engineering is invited to submit **one dissertation and one thesis** nominee. The award is sponsored and managed by the CoE Graduate Education Office.

Award amount:

One Distinguished Dissertation and one Distinguished Thesis awardee from across the College will receive \$2,000, a certificate, recognition as the annual awards luncheon, and recognized in a video specifically produced for this event.

Eligibility:

The effective date of the degree awarded, or the completion of the degree requirements and dissertation/thesis, must lie between **July 1 to June 30, of the academic year of the call of submissions**, inclusive for each nominee selected. For example, for the call of submissions released in 2024, the effective dates would be July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Nomination Process:

Each School of Engineering may submit one nominee for the dissertation award and one nominee for the thesis award. For each nominee, please combine the following documents into **one** .pdf:

- Cover Sheet
- An abstract of the nominee's dissertation or thesis (not to exceed five double-spaced pages). Appendices containing other material, such as charts, tables and/or references, may be included as additional pages.
- Three letters of recommendation evaluating the significance and quality of the nominee's dissertation or thesis work. One of these letters is from the nominee's dissertation/thesis supervisor, another from a member of the nominee's committee, and the third from a person of the nominee's choice.
- The nominee's curriculum vitae (not to exceed five pages).
- Email or memo from the graduate chair or program head indicating the name and graduation of the School's nominee. *(If selected, this will be incorporated by the Grad Office into the nomination package before being submitted to the College.)*

Email the nomination(s) to sltague@purdue.edu , by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline as posted on the ME Grad Blog, with the subject line "Distinguished Thesis (or Dissertation) Award – Student Name."