

## 2018 Auburn University Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award

***Field of Competition: MATHEMATICS, PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING***

### INSTRUCTION FOR NOMINATION

***Nominations:*** A college/school may nominate up to three students for an award in the field of mathematics, physical sciences and engineering. The effective date of degree award, or the completion of doctoral degree requirements and dissertation, must lie in the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018, inclusive, for the nominee selected.

***Materials:*** Each nominee must prepare an abstract (not to exceed 10 pages) of his or her dissertation, typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper. In addition, appendices may be included (e.g., charts or tables). The pages should be numbered, and each should bear the name of the nominee. Letters from three references selected by the nominee, evaluating the significance and quality of the dissertation work, are to be included in the nomination materials. One of these letters is to be from the nominee's dissertation supervisor, another from a member of the nominee's dissertation committee, and the third from a person of the nominee's choice. The nominee should send one electronic copy of the dissertation and three (3) copies of each of the following to the Award Committee: abstract, nomination form, letters of reference, and the nominee's curriculum vitae (not to exceed 5 pages).

***Deadline:*** All materials are to be submitted through the college selection committee to The Graduate School, Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee, 106 Hargis Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5122 by **April 27, 2018**.

***Criteria:*** The Graduate School will name an Award Committee whose members have established records in the disciplinary areas under consideration. At their discretion, additional consultation may be sought. The nominated dissertations should represent original work making an unusually significant contribution to the respective discipline. Both methodological and substantive quality will be judged. The following list, although not all-inclusive, illustrates the fields 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).

***Award:*** Distinguished Dissertation Awards, consisting of an honorarium of \$500 and a certificate of citation, will be presented at the Graduate School's annual awards ceremony.

***Note:*** No student may be nominated in more than one award category (e.g., in two consecutive years) and may not be nominated by more than one college.