

## **NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION**

### **Award Description**

Outstanding Dissertation is awarded to a Doctoral student who has excelled in all phases of their degree program. Criteria include selection of demanding and topical areas of study, original and creative development of data gathering and data analysis, and the combination of precision, clarity, and eloquence in the thesis text. This award recognizes both the student's achievement and the advisor's contribution.

### **Who can be nominated?**

Any student who has completed a dissertation within the School of Natural Resources and the Environment during the 16-month period prior to the date nominations are due. The reason this award spans 16 months instead of 12 is because many theses and dissertations are submitted near the awards ceremony, so dates can get confusing; the goal here is to be inclusive. However, students can only be nominated for this award once.

### **Who can nominate?**

Nominations may be made by any student, faculty member, or staff in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment.

### **Information to be provided in the nominating petition:**

Nominations must be assembled carefully and completely, and should include:

1. Name of nominee
2. Dissertation title
3. Date of completion
4. List of scholarships and awards
5. Petition describing the thesis, with a special emphasis on the contribution made to understanding or managing natural resources. (100-500 words.)

### **Selection Procedure**

An Awards Committee, composed of student, faculty, and staff representatives, and appointed by the School Director, will select the award recipient based on nomination petitions submitted via [google form](#).

This award need not be presented annually.