



VCU

Graduate School

OUTSTANDING ETD MASTER'S THESIS AWARD

Innovative Application of Technology to Scholarship in a Master's Thesis

Each year the Graduate School recognizes an outstanding master's thesis that utilizes innovative application of technology to scholarship.

Awards

One award of \$500 and a certificate of recognition will be presented by the Graduate School. Further awardees will be nominated to compete in the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools ETD Master's Thesis award competition: <http://www.csgs.org/awards/etd-masters-thesis-awards/>

Nominations

VCU School/College Deans or their designee may nominate one person in each of the broad fields whose thesis has been accepted in partial fulfillment of master's degree requirements during the past academic year (Summer through Spring). Embargoed theses are not eligible for this award.

The School/College Dean or designee shall submit a nomination dossier to be received no later than **August 15, 2017**. The nomination packet consists of:

- A web link to an electronic thesis;
- Letters of endorsement from the nominee's thesis advisor and the Graduate Program Director or the School/College Dean;
- An abstract of the thesis (1-2 pages, double-spaced), prepared by the nominee; and,
- A brief resume or CV on the nominee (1-2 pages).

An e-mail with the nomination materials should be submitted to the Graduate School as a single pdf document no later than **August 15, 2017** to graddean@vcu.edu.

Evaluation Process

Each thesis will be reviewed by a faculty committee and will be evaluated on the basis of clarity of style and presentation, scholarship, research methodology, and contributions to the field or discipline.