

Doctoral Dissertation Award

Purpose of the award

To recognize the excellence of the doctoral dissertation of a recent PhD graduate and of their contribution to the information field.

Eligibility

Applicants must have completed their doctoral dissertation in Library and Information Science or a related field in a Canadian higher education institution during the current or last calendar year (e.g., dissertations completed in 2022 or 2023 are eligible for the 2023 award). A CAIS/ACSI membership is not required.

Nomination process

Applicants must submit a document of no more than two (2) pages, highlighting their dissertation's significance for the information field, and including a link to the dissertation. Additionally, applicants must include a letter from their supervisor or department director confirming that the dissertation is completed and attesting to its quality and contribution to the information field.

Submitting the nomination

Nomination documents must be submitted as attachments in pdf or word format in a single email to awards@cais-acsi.ca, with the subject line "[Nominee last name] Doctoral Dissertation Award 2023." The deadline is April 30, 2023, midnight Pacific time. We welcome submissions in English or French.

Selection process

The nominations will be examined by a jury of CAIS members. At the outset of deliberations, jury members shall report any potential conflict of interest related to the nominees and excuse themselves from the selection process if necessary.

Selection Criteria

Dissertations will be judged on the following criteria:

- Contribution to theory, knowledge, methodology, or application in the information field, broadly considered
- Quality of expression

Nature of the award

The award consists of a certificate to be presented to the winner at the CAIS/ACSI annual conference, along with a prize of \$500 CAD. The recipient shall also be given the opportunity to present their doctoral work at the conference.

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