

## Innovation in Technology Award

The Western Association of Graduate Schools (WAGS) and ProQuest are pleased to announce the 2020-2021 WAGS-ProQuest Innovation in Technology award. This award is given for the development of innovative technology in a thesis or dissertation and its utilization for the creative solution of a major problem. This award recognizes distinguished scholarly achievement at the master's or doctoral level.

### Award Details

The 2020-2021 recipient will receive \$1,000, a Certificate of Award, and travel expenses for the recipient to attend the WAGS Annual Conference and Awards luncheon to be held in Boise, Idaho in March 2021.

### Eligibility

Nominees must have successfully defended and submitted the final copy of their thesis or dissertation towards the master's or doctoral degree within the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020  
Nominees must be from a WAGS member institution

### Evaluation Criteria

- Originality of the study
- Scope and significance of the study
- Contribution to the discipline and/or profession
- Overall quality of the summary and abstract of the thesis or dissertation

### Nomination Process

- All nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m., August 12, 2020 to [gradadvisor@ucsd.edu](mailto:gradadvisor@ucsd.edu).
- Graduate Division will review all submissions and select one application to nominate for this award.
- Awards will be announced by WAGS in November 2020.

### Nomination Packet

The nominators will be required to prepare the following materials as one PDF document using the following file name convention and upload it through the nomination form: *"Nominee's last name\_Nominee's institution\_WAGSInnovation.pdf"*

1. A non-technical summary prepared by the nominee (1000-1500 words) describing the research and how it demonstrates or resulted in the development of innovative technology in the conduct of scholarship. This summary should be directed to a general academic audience of non-specialists.



2. An abstract of the nominee's research (not to exceed 10 double-spaced pages). Appendices containing nontextual material, such as charts or tables, may be included as additional pages. All pages should be numbered, and each should bear the name of the nominee.
3. Two nomination letters. One letter from the department head or major professor and one letter from additional faculty member. The letters should include information regarding the significance of the study, the contribution of the study to the program of the degree granting unit, and the broader impact of the innovation on the knowledge base of the discipline.
4. The nominee's curriculum vitae or resume (not to exceed five pages).

## Questions

If you have any technical questions about the WAGS award, please contact Matthew Tradewell at [matthew.tradewell@oregonstate.edu](mailto:matthew.tradewell@oregonstate.edu)

If you have questions about the UCSD nomination process, contact [gradadvisor@ucsd.edu](mailto:gradadvisor@ucsd.edu)