

The Association for Communication Excellence Research and Academic Programs Learning Community is pleased to announce the call for outstanding theses and dissertations focused on research related to communications in agriculture and/or natural resources. This graduate student competition is designed to recognize the outstanding work completed by graduate students during the previous calendar year. Each institution is eligible to submit up to one outstanding thesis and one outstanding dissertation nominee each year. The outstanding thesis and dissertation awards will be presented at the **2021 ACE Conference (held virtually), June 21-24.**

### Eligibility

- Master's and doctoral students completing a thesis/dissertation with a publication date between January 1 and December 31, 2020 will be considered for the 2021 award competition.
- One nominee (for each category: thesis and dissertation) will be accepted per institution each year. Institutional nominations shall be determined using procedures developed by the degree-related graduate faculty at each respective institution.
- At least one of the members of the committee or the nominated student must be a current ACE member (**dues are owed Jan. 1 each year**).

### Procedures

- Submissions must be received by **11:59 p.m. EST on February 12, 2021** to be considered for this year's award.
- Submissions should come from a faculty member at the corresponding institution.
- One electronic copy (\*.pdf format) of the complete thesis or dissertation must be **submitted electronically** to the Research and Academic Programs Learning Community Vice Chair, Laura Fischer ([laura.fischer@ttu.edu](mailto:laura.fischer@ttu.edu))

### Award Selection Process

Judging and selection of the award recipients will be conducted independently by two active ACE Research and Academic Programs LC members. Faculty advisors of nominees are ineligible to serve on the selection committee. The recipients will be announced at the ACE Annual meeting and will receive an award certificate or plaque.

Questions regarding thesis and dissertation submissions can be directed to Vice Chair, Laura Fischer ([laura.fischer@ttu.edu](mailto:laura.fischer@ttu.edu)).

We look forward to seeing you virtually!  
Jessica Holt, Chair  
Laura Fischer, Vice Chair  
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