



Call for Nominations: FABBS Doctoral Dissertation Research Excellence Awards 2021-2022

Purpose: The Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences (FABBS) brings together organizations with interests in advancing the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior. The purpose of the FABBS Doctoral Dissertation Research Excellence Award is to honor graduate student scientists who have conducted doctoral dissertation research of superior scientific quality and with broad potential societal impact. FABBS will award up to five Doctoral Dissertation Research Excellence Awards in each academic year. Award winners will receive an honorary certificate from FABBS, and their research will be featured on the FABBS website. FABBS will inform all member societies and affiliates of the award winners.

Nomination Eligibility: FABBS invites current department affiliates to nominate one doctoral student in behavioral and brain science who is conducting independent thesis research of superior scientific quality and broader impact. The award is open to those currently enrolled and those who have graduated in the year prior to the award submission deadline.

How to Apply: The nomination deadline for the 2021-2022 FABBS Doctoral Dissertation Research Excellence Awards is March 4, 2022. Please submit the following information to info@fabbs.org with subject line “FABBS Call for Nominations –Doctoral Dissertation Research Awards”:

- (1) A nomination letter from the department chair or from the chair of the department’s awards committee. This should include a statement verifying institutional review board approval, if applicable.
- (2) Project title and 200-word abstract.
- (3) Project Summary should include an Introduction/Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, and an Impact Statement. The latter should describe the potential societal impact(s) of the research. Along with scientific quality, societal impact will be considered in the evaluation of all nominees. The Impact Statement should be brief (3-4 sentences in length) and should convey the (potential) relevance of the research for policy decisions (e.g., implications of the research for social and policy issues, and/or efforts to communicate the science to non-academic constituencies). Each of these sections is limited to no more than 500 words.

Please include an e-mail address for the nominee and other departmental contacts. Either PDF or Word files are acceptable, though Word files are preferred for the Project Summary.

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee comprised of at least one FABBS Board member and a representative from a FABBS member society. FABBS will notify nominees and nominating departments of award decisions by April 15, 2022.