

## **Qatar University Dissertation Award**

### **Purpose:**

The Qatar University Dissertation Award recognizes and promotes outstanding research by graduate students. The focus of the award is on the quality and contribution of the student's dissertation.

### **The Award:**

The Dissertation Award is selected annually among the nominations submitted to the Offices of the Associate Deans for Research and Graduate Studies through the Graduate Awards Application System. Applicants may be nominated for an award according to the procedure and deadlines stated in the guidelines below.

### **Eligibility:**

#### **To be eligible for an award, the student must:**

- 1- Be a current student in Good Academic Standing OR have graduated in the immediately preceding semester (Fall 2022)
- 2- Have a completed dissertation manuscript (including the Results and Discussion sections) approved by the main supervisor. It is not necessary to have completed the oral defense examination.
- 3- Perform a plagiarism and similarity index check approved by the dissertation supervisor
- 4- Have published a research article out of the dissertation research OR have acceptance of publication to a reputable international journal (as approved by the college).

#### **Nomination Process and Important Deadlines:**

A student or any member of the student's dissertation committee may submit a nomination through the Graduate Awards Application System.	<b>November 29th, 2023</b>
The Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies shall establish an award committee responsible for the review of all applications. The Associate Dean shall nominate one winner to the Office of Graduate Studies through the Graduate Awards Application system.	<b>May 27th, 2024</b>

#### **Each nomination packet must include:**

- 1- Current academic transcript demonstrating that the applicant is in good standing (or graduation certificate, if applicable)

- 2- Two letters of recommendation evaluating the significance and quality of the nominee's dissertation. One of these letters is to be from the nominee's dissertation supervisor, and the other letter is to be of the student's choice.
- 3- The supervisor-approved dissertation manuscript along with the Similarity Index Approval Form
- 4- An evaluation rubric completed by the dissertation supervisor.
- 5- An updated CV highlighting any projects and/or publications relating to the dissertation research.
- 6- Copy of full research article published out of the dissertation research OR evidence of acceptance of publication for a research article out of the dissertation research to a reputable international journal (as approved by the college)

**Criteria for Selection:**

The college-level awards committee will evaluate the nominees and choose only one winner at the PhD level. Nominees' Dissertations should represent highly original/innovative/impactful research that represents a significant contribution to the field.

Criteria include, but are not limited to, quality of research methods, significance of the topic and findings, validity of the conclusions, originality of concept, impact factor, etc.

**Award Announcement:**

The Dissertation Award will be announced with the other graduate awards at the Annual Research Forum.