

Call for Nominations

University of Nebraska-Lincoln 2009 Folsom Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award

Submit nominations for this award online by **October 29**
<http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/folsom.shtml>

The Dean of Graduate Studies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is soliciting nominations for the UNL Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award. Funded by the Folsom family through the University of Nebraska Foundation, the award recognizes and rewards distinguished scholarship and research at the doctoral level. Nominated dissertations should represent original work making an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. Both methodological and substantive quality will be judged.

Guidelines

1. Each department or interdepartmental program may submit *one* doctoral dissertation for consideration. Department guidelines for selection are up to each department/area.
2. The dissertation must have been received in December 2007, May 2008 or August 2008. The degree award will be confirmed by the graduate dean.
3. Nomination materials must be submitted online to include:
 - a. Abstract (not to exceed 10 pages) of the dissertation, prepared by the nominee. In addition, appendices containing nontextual material, such as charts or tables, may be included. This must contain the title of the dissertation and the name of the author;
 - b. Three letters from referees evaluating the significance and quality of the dissertation work. The nominee should request one of these letters from the dissertation supervisor, another from a member of the dissertation committee, and the third from an expert scholar of the nominee's choice from within or outside the University of Nebraska who did not serve on the nominee's supervisory committee;
 - c. Two-page vita; and
 - d. Contact information for TWO reviewers from OUTSIDE the University who have agreed to review and rank the abstract. These reviewers may not have been involved in the dissertation writing process, either as committee members or as collaborators.
4. Submit online nomination by **October 29, 2008**.
5. Outside reviewers will be contacted and their reviews will be completed by **December 3, 2008**.
6. A Graduate Faculty Awards Committee will evaluate the nominations and determine the recipient of the award. At the committee's discretion, additional consultation may be sought.
7. The recipient of the Lowe R. and Mavis M. Folsom Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award will receive a \$1000 honorarium and be invited, along with his or her faculty mentor, to attend an awards reception during Spring Semester 2009.

