

BSIA dissertation award of excellence - \$2500

The BSIA Dissertation Award of Excellence is an award administered by the Balsillie School of International Affairs that recognizes excellence in PhD research in the field of Global Governance. The award is open to all students in the joint-Wilfrid Laurier University/University of Waterloo PhD Global Governance program.

To be eligible for the award, students must have defended their theses within the previous XX months of the deadline for applications and be nominated for a dissertation award/prize at their home university.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of BSIA-affiliated faculty. The committee will have a minimum of three members and must include at least one tenured or tenure-track professor from Laurier, and at least one from uWaterloo. Applications will be due XXXX. The committee reserves the right not to award a Dissertation Award of Excellence in a given year.

Nomination Package:

1. Student's CV (5-page max.)
2. Unofficial transcript
3. Short Abstract (no more than 350 words in non-technical language)
4. Copy of the dissertation
5. Copy of external examiner's pre-defence report (if applicable)
6. THREE reference letters:
 - One from the student's supervisor describing the reasons for the nomination, and why the dissertation constitutes a significant piece of original work;
 - One from a member of the nominee's dissertation committee;
 - One from a person of the nominee's choice (external examiner, professors, department chairs).
7. Letter of Support from the Global Governance Program Director(s) which clearly indicates the following:
 - the name and departmental affiliation of the nominee's research supervisor;
 - the name and affiliation of the external examiner;
 - the date of the defence and the date of final acceptance of the dissertation; and
 - confirmation that the student's thesis has been nominated for a Distinguished Dissertation Award.

All PhD students who have had their dissertation nominated for an award at their home institution will automatically be considered for this award. The supervisor must inform Andrew Thompson of the nomination. The time frame for the annual award will be September 1 through August 31. The adjudication committee will meet in September and the award recipient will be announced at the Fall convocation.