



**ACE Research & Academic
Programs Learning Community
Call for Theses & Dissertations
DEADLINE: February 24, 2017**

The Association for Communication Excellence Research Learning Community is pleased to announce the call for outstanding theses and dissertations **focused on research in agricultural communication***. 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 **2017 ACE conference in New Orleans, June 12-15**.

Eligibility

- Master's and doctoral students completing a thesis/dissertation with a publication date between January 1 and December 31 (of 2016) will be considered for this year's award competition.
- One nominee (for each 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

- Nominations must be received by **February 24, 2016**, to be considered for the award presented at the ACE annual Meeting in June.
- One electronic copy (*.pdf format) of the complete thesis or dissertation must be **submitted electronically** to Vice Chair Kelsey Hall at kelsey.hall@usu.edu.
- Submissions should come from a faculty member at the institution.

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.

*Revised Jan. 10, 2016: Theses or dissertations