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TO: UF/IFAS Faculty
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SUBJECT: Nominations for the 2016 Awards of Excellence for Graduate Research

Overview: The UF/IFAS Office of the Dean for Research is committed to recognizing the best thesis and best dissertation completed during each calendar year. Cash awards (\$1,500 Doctorate; \$1,000 Master) as well as plaques will be presented to the winners at the UF/IFAS Florida Agricultural Experiment Station's 10th Annual Research Awards Ceremony on May 16th, 2017. Supervisory committee chairs will also be recognized with a plaque at the ceremony.

Eligibility: All theses and dissertations completed under majors granted in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences are eligible (see next page). Each major listed by program is allowed to submit one nomination – their best for 2016. The nominee's supervisory chair or co-chair must have a tenure home in IFAS.

Selection Process: Two committees will be established of three faculty members each to evaluate the nominations and select the best M.S. thesis and best Ph.D. dissertation based on the following criteria:

1. The quality of the thesis or dissertation presentation (i.e., organization, style, clarity, and writing).
2. The quality of the research (i.e., thoroughness, contribution to the field, importance, originality, depth, and scope). The relative value of each of the criteria is the decision of the selection committee.

Nomination Process: All nominations must be submitted through the following website on **January 12th, 2017**: <http://researchtools.ifas.ufl.edu/graduateresearchawards/>. The information requested includes:

1. Nomination form (online):
 - a. Nominee information (name, major, title and current contact information)
 - b. Supervisory Committee Chair/Co-chair (name and contact information)
 - c. Nominator (name and contact information)
2. Uploaded PDF files:
 - a. Letter of nomination
 - b. Thesis or dissertation
 - c. Supporting materials (e.g., statement by chair or departmental selection committee, or list of presentations, publications, or other outputs derived from the research)

Submission Process: Upon submission, all nominators will receive an immediate email confirmation. If you have any other questions, please contact Dr. Sherry Larkin, Associate Dean for Research, at slarkin@ufl.edu. For technical issues concerning the website, contact Brian Gray (seven7@ufl.edu).

Master of Science (M.S.) Thesis	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Dissertation
Agricultural and Biological Engineering	Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Agricultural Education and Communication	Agricultural Education and Communication
Agronomy	Agronomy
Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology	Animal Molecular and Cellular Biology
Animal Sciences	Animal Sciences
Entomology and Nematology	Entomology and Nematology
Family, Youth and Community Sciences	Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences
Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences	Food and Resource Economics
Food and Resource Economics	Food Science
Food Science and Human Nutrition	Forest Resources and Conservation
Forest Resources and Conservation	Genetics and Genomics
Horticultural Science - Horticultural Sciences	Horticultural Science - Horticultural Sciences
Horticultural Science - Environmental Horticulture	Horticultural Science - Environmental Horticulture
Interdisciplinary Ecology	Interdisciplinary Ecology
Microbiology and Cell Science	Microbiology and Cell Science
Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology	Nutritional Sciences
Plant Pathology	Plant Molecular and Cellular Biology
Soil and Water Science	Plant Pathology
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	Soil and Water Science
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