

Universities Council on Water Resources

Ph.D. Dissertation Awards

DESCRIPTION	Each year, UCOWR recognizes two outstanding Ph.D. dissertations on water issues, one in each of the following categories: (1) Water Policy and Socio-Economics, and (2) Natural Science and Engineering.
AWARD	The award consists of a certificate and a \$750 check, reimbursement up to \$1,000 for travel expenses to the UCOWR annual meeting, and registration fee waiver to attend the annual UCOWR meeting.
ELIGIBILITY	Ph.D. dissertations (not “Doctorates”) completed within 2004 or 2005 (must meet all graduation requirements by December 31, 2005) from a UCOWR member university will be considered. Each member university can submit only one application in each category through their lead UCOWR delegate. A list of member universities and their lead UCOWR delegates is available on the UCOWR Website: http://www.ucowr.siu.edu .
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Applicants must submit to their lead delegate three CD copies of the dissertation or, only in those cases where journal articles or other documents are accepted in lieu of a dissertation, three CD copies of those documents that constitute the dissertation requirement.➤ Three copies of a letter of endorsement from the applicant’s dissertation advisor.
REVIEW PROCESS & CRITERIA	<p>The review process consists of the following two steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) On-Campus Screening. The UCOWR lead delegate will coordinate an on-campus screening process for nominated dissertations and select no more than one dissertation in each category for submission to UCOWR.2) Review Panel. The UCOWR Awards Committee will appoint reviewers to rank the submitted applications and make its recommendations to the UCOWR Board of Directors. <p>Submissions will be graded (0 to 25) as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Originality and innovative aspects of the research• Quality and soundness of the research• Applicant’s understanding of previous related research• Contribution to and impact on water resources research
DEADLINES SCHEDULE	Applications due to the lead delegate – December 1, 2005 Complete on-campus screening – January 15, 2006 Lead delegate submits applications to UCOWR – Jan. 20, 2006* Panel Review, February 1-March 15, 2006 Winners are announced – April 16, 2006 Formal recognition at the UCOWR annual meeting, July 12-14, 2006 , in Santa Fe, NM.

* The lead delegate should mail by **January 20, 2006** three copies of application package and a cover letter that specifies the category of the award nomination to: Christopher Lant, Executive Director, UCOWR, 1000 Faner Drive Room 4543, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-4526. Please include contact information on the nominee.