

Call for Nominations for the 2021 Classification Society Distinguished Dissertation Award

Each year, the Classification Society offers a Distinguished Dissertation Award for an outstanding PhD dissertation on the theme of clustering, classification, or related areas of data analysis, encompassing associated theory and/or applications. The Classification Society Distinguished Dissertation Award is supported by Springer.

The 2021 Classification Society Distinguished Dissertation Award

The 2021 Award totals 500 USD in book vouchers from Springer and the winner will be invited to make a presentation in a special session at the 2021 Classification Society Annual Meeting, which will be held at Bucknell University from June 16 - 19, 2021. The Classification Society will cover travel expenses to the 2021 Annual Meeting of at most 1,000 USD for a North American-based Award winner or at most 1,500 USD for an Award winner based elsewhere.

Criteria for nomination for the Award include:

- the main topic of the dissertation is in classification, clustering or a closely related area;
- the dissertation contains innovative work in theory/methodology and/or or innovative or well developed application(s); and
- the literature review is thorough.

Eligibility

To be eligible for nomination, a Ph.D. dissertation must have been successfully completed – including successful defense – within the calendar year 2020. Nominations may be made by the dissertation author, supervisor, or related person, and must be sent by email. A nomination must include contact information for the nominator and nominee (if different), a URL where an online copy of the dissertation can be accessed by the members of the Award Committee, and an electronic (e.g., scanned) cover letter, written and signed by the nominator, stating the date of final completion of the Ph.D. dissertation and outlining why the dissertation merits the award. The nominator must also arrange for two external referee reports to be sent directly to the chair of the Award committee. If possible, the referees should be arms-length from the dissertation author and their supervisor. Cover letters should include full bibliographic details for any published papers, proceedings, book chapters, or similar scholarly material that have arisen from the dissertation. For non-English language dissertations, nominators are requested to provide an extended abstract in English and, where relevant, to highlight any papers, proceedings, book chapters, or similar scholarly material associated with the dissertation that have been published in English.

The 2021 Distinguished Dissertation Award Committee

The 2021 Award Committee comprises:

- Dr. Sanjeena Dang (Chair),
- Dr. Cristina Tortora
- Prof. Volodymyr Melnykov

Nominations

Nominations and external referee reports must be submitted to the chair of the Award Committee, Sanjeena Dang, at <sdang 'at' binghamton dot edu >, on or before 11:59pm (EST) on February 1, 2021. Results will be announced approximately two months after this submission deadline.