

William E. Krauss Director's Award

for Excellence in Graduate Research

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) translates cutting edge research to stakeholders across the state. By engaging with our stakeholders, we provide research, technology, and knowledge to support safe, sustainable, and viable agricultural practices across Ohio and the world. This important work could not be accomplished without outstanding researchers working on projects across the college.

Dr. William E. Krauss was a faculty member and became the first Associate Director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station serving from 1948 to 1969. The William E. Krauss Award was established through a gift from the William E. Krauss family to recognize excellence in research performed by a doctoral student. This award recognizes a Ph.D. student that has produced a peer reviewed publication of the highest quality.

Although this award was originally based on the research presented in the completed dissertation, it has evolved in recent years to recognize the best paper published by a current or recently graduated PhD student. This award serves to emphasize the importance to doctoral students of publishing their data in a refereed journal and rewards the student for producing the highest quality peer-reviewed research. This award will be presented at the CFAES Annual Research Conference which will be held during the spring semester (date TBD). Both the student recipient and the major advisor are recognized for their contribution to the scientific community.

I. Eligibility

The competition is open to all Ph.D. students who have worked on or are working on a CFAES affiliated project during the 2020 calendar year.

II. Nomination Guidelines

- a. Each department/school may nominate up to two individuals, either current students or those who have received a PhD within the last calendar year (no earlier than December 2019).
- b. The refereed publication to be considered for the award must be a) related to the content of the Ph.D. dissertation; b) both submitted and *published or accepted for publication* during the tenure of the student in the Ph.D. program or up to one year after finishing the program (though the 2020 calendar year).
- c. The student must be the lead author of the refereed publication submitted for consideration of the award publication. The affiliation of the student with a department associated with CFAES should be clearly presented.



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- d. The publication will be evaluated according to the quality of the publication, which can include the following criteria: originality/creativity, sophistication of data and research methods, and significance/relevance. Some evaluation of the strength of supporting letters (see below) may also be considered.

III. Nomination Procedure

Each nomination should be submitted electronically as a one PDF document to kaser.37@osu.edu **on or before 5:00pm December 17, 2020** and contain the following materials to be considered complete. Nominations with missing materials will not be considered for awards. Initiation of nominations within departments are the responsibility of the department awards committee or other appropriate committee as designated by the Department Chair.

The nomination packet must include:

- a. A cover page as provided below
- b. A letter of nomination from the Department Chair/ Director to verify the eligibility of the student. The letter should affirm that the nominee's paper is/will be an integral part of the doctoral dissertation and that the paper was part of a CFAES project.
- c. Two letters of support from faculty who are knowledgeable in the area of the publication providing an assessment of the quality and the significance within discipline of the paper.
- d. If the paper is not yet in print but accepted for publication, then please provide a copy of the correspondence from the journal editor verifying the acceptance.
- e. One copy of reprint or copy of the refereed paper as accepted by the journal.

IV. CFAES Awards Committee

A standing committee of faculty with broad disciplinary representation will be appointed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. The Associate Dean will select the chair of the committee. The Awards Committee is responsible for reviewing nominees and selecting the winners. The target date for a final announcement of the awards is approximately February 1, 2021.

V. Award Presentation

All awards will be presented at the Annual CFAES Research Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio, date TBD. The awardee will receive \$1,000 and a framed copy of the title page of the paper. Faculty mentor(s) will also receive a framed copy of the title page in recognition of their contribution.

Nomination Cover Page**2021 William E. Krauss Director's
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Research****Nominating Department or School:** _____**Nominee:** _____**Major Advisor:** _____**Checklist:**

By the published deadline, this nomination must be electronically uploaded as one pdf document and contain the following materials to be considered complete. Nominations with missing documents will not be considered for awards.

- _____ Nomination Cover Page
- _____ Letter from Department Chair/ Director to verify eligibility
- _____ Two letters of support
- _____ If paper is not yet in print but accepted for publication, provide a copy of the correspondence from the journal editor verifying acceptance
- _____ One copy of reprint or of the refereed paper as accepted by the journal
- _____ Combine all documents into one pdf and email to kaser.37@osu.edu