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 Ohio. By engaging with 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 Ph.D. 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 2021 calendar year.

II. Nomination Guidelines
   a. Each department/school may nominate up to two individuals, either current students or those who have received a Ph.D. within the last calendar year (no earlier than December 2020).
   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.
   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 **on or before 5:00pm November 1, 2021** 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, 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 also 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 January 2022.

V. Award Presentation

Awards announcements will be made at the college’s award ceremony that has followed the Dean’s State of the College address, typically taking place in mid-to-late January. Awardees will also be recognized at the at the annual Research Conference in April 2022.

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

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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 and submit as one PDF