

Announcing
The Dissertation Medal in Applied Climatology for 2008

Awarded By The
American Association of State Climatologists

Application Information

Purpose

The American Association of State Climatologists (AASC) is pleased to announce its second annual Dissertation Medal in Applied Climatology for 2008 – to be awarded to a recent recipient of the Ph.D. degree in North America or U.S. Territories whose research is considered significant to applied climatology.

Eligibility

To be considered for the AASC medal, a nominee's Ph.D. must have been awarded within three *calendar* years prior to the award submission date (April 15, 2008).

Who Can Apply

Any recent Ph. D. graduate who has a galley-proof manuscript or a published journal article derived from dissertation work accomplished while a student in North America or one of the U.S. Territories. Dissertations per se are not eligible for consideration.

Nominations

Nominations are solicited from graduates (or their sponsors) of universities in North America and the U.S. Territories. The nominator (e.g., State Climatologist, Regional Climatologist, Department Chair, or professional colleague) should submit an original letter of nomination. This letter should discuss the extent of independence exhibited by the nominee in the choice and execution of the dissertation research.

Four reprints of the dissertation research (as published in a refereed journal or in galley-proof format) must accompany the nomination. Please submit only one article.

Nominations received for the current year's competition remain under consideration for two additional calendar years following the initial year of eligibility.

Due Date

Nomination letters and the required reprints must be received in the offices of the AASC President on or before **15 April 2008**.

Selection

A Dissertation Medal Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the AASC to select the award recipient. If, in the opinion of the Committee, none of the nominees is sufficiently outstanding, the medal will not be given for that year. The award recipient along with other nominees will be notified by May 30, 2008 for presentation of the dissertation medal on July 8, 2008 at the Annual Meeting of the AASC in Burlington, Vermont.

The Award

The presentation will bestow a dissertation medal and a cash award of \$500 to the winning nominee. The award also includes paid attendance at the Annual Meeting of the AASC that includes out-of-pocket travel expenses up to \$1000 and the waiving of all registration fees.

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Evaluation Criteria

Nominations and manuscripts submitted for the AASC Dissertation Medal will be evaluated based on the following scale (0 to 100 points):

- Clarity of the Manuscript (0 to 20 points)
- Organization/Figure Quality (0 to 20 points)
- Applicability to Climatology (0 to 10 points)
- Creativity (0 to 20 points)
- Scientific Merit (0 to 30 points)