

Call for nominations for 2024 Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award

During the open nomination period, the AACI Award Committee accepts nominations for the PhD Dissertation Award. This award aims to recognize authors of doctoral dissertations that have made significant breakthroughs in the fundamental theory or applied basic research in the field of artificial intelligence and perceptual cognition technology, or have made important innovations in key technologies and applications.

Eligibility

1. Only a Ph.D. student's advisor may nominate a dissertation.
2. For each year's award cycle, all PhD dissertations in theory and/or applications of cognitive intelligence for which the PhD degree has been granted up to the fifth year (included) prior to the submission year are eligible.
3. Nominations are welcomed from any country, but only English language versions will be accepted.
4. AACI Outstanding Ph.D. Forum Speakers will automatically be eligible for the annual AACI "Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award " selection.
5. The award is presented annually, and the number of domestic and foreign winners does not exceed 5 each year.

Award Benefits:

In addition to receiving the AACI Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award certificate, the awardees will enjoy the following benefits:

- (1) Membership Benefits: Recipients of the AACI Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award will be directly granted the AACI Senior Member status.
- (2) Conference Benefits: Recipients of the AACI Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award will be invited by the management committee to take on other key Chair positions at the NCAA and ICCI conferences or serve as organizers of the AACI Outstanding PhD Forum. Additionally, award recipients who submit papers to NCAA and ICCI and have their papers accepted will receive a 30% discount on registration fees.
- (3) Promotion Benefits: The AACI will promote the award winners through the official AACI website, the official conference website, the AACI public account (with 5,000 followers), and the conference discussion group (with 1,500 members).

Deadline

Deadline for nominations – ***May 31, 2025***

Selection Criteria

Dissertations will be reviewed for technical depth and significance of the research contribution, potential impact on theory and practice of artificial intelligence and perceptual cognitive technology, and the quality of presentation. The evaluations of the nominations include:

1. The AACI Award Committee of the AACI Society will evaluate the PhD dissertation, and each dissertation will be reviewed by at least 3 committee members.
2. The evaluation criteria may include, but not limited to
 - Relevance of the dissertation to topics of artificial intelligence and perceptual cognitive technology
 - Originality of the main ideas in the dissertation
 - Significance of scientific contributions
 - Technical depth and soundness of the dissertation
 - Overall presentation and readability of dissertation

Submissions

1. Nominations for the Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award should be submitted online during the open nomination period through awards@aaci.org.hk.
2. Submitted materials should explain the contribution in terms understandable to a non-specialist. Each nomination involves several components:
 - ✧ Copy of the PhD dissertation (we only accept the dissertation in Chinese or English).
 - ✧ List of publications in journals and conference proceedings (as first author, or second author with supervisor as first author) generated by the research reported in the PhD dissertation.
 - ✧ Nomination statement (400-500 words in length) addressing why the candidate should receive this award.
 - ✧ Three supporting letters by scientists or professionals who have not been involved in the research performed by the applicant/nominee, and who can provide additional insights or evidence of the dissertation's impact.
 - ✧ Name, address, and email address of the candidate (person being nominated). Affiliation should be the name of the school.
 - ✧ Name, address, phone number, and email address of the nominator (the student's thesis advisor).

Please pack the above materials into a compressed file with each item clearly named according to the outline, and send it to the requested email address. *Please name the subject of the email as the following format: award name + candidate name + candidate's affiliation.*

For any questions, please contact the AACI awarding office at awards@aaci.org.hk.