

# ANSER-ARES

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## **Award for the Outstanding Thesis at the Master's or Doctoral Levels**

The Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) is a Canadian association for those who have an interest in research that pertains broadly to nonprofit organizations and the social economy. The association's objectives include:

- Building a collaborative community of scholars and researchers; and
- Developing a Canadian body of knowledge that encompasses such fields as community economic development, philanthropy, nonprofit management, volunteering, social and environmental accounting, government/voluntary sector relationships, social movements, citizen engagement, and civil society.

To encourage and support these objectives, ANSER offers annual awards for outstanding Masters and Doctoral theses addressing issues relating to nonprofit and the social economy. Students who have completed and/or defended their dissertations in the three calendar years prior to the year the award is given are eligible to apply. Nominations should explain the nature of the work and how well it contributes to advancement of theory, research, and practice in any aspect of study related to the nonprofit sector or the social economy.

The award review committee judges each nominated thesis on several criteria including:

- The significance of the problem it addresses;
- The strength of evidence it presents; and
- The relevance of its conclusions to the mission of ANSER-ARES.

The committee will also consider the soundness of methodology, the quality of writing and argument, and the nominating letter(s).

### **Award Nomination Instructions:**

The director or supervisor of the nominee's thesis committee must submit nominations as one PDF file. This PDF file must include:

1. A nomination and letter of support from the student's thesis supervisor.
2. Nominee's CV.
3. An extended abstract of 3,000 words in English or French written by the nominee. Abstract should contain research objectives and scope, theoretical framework, a description of methods used, a summary of the results, a statement of the main conclusions, and no more than ten key references.

4. One additional letter of recommendation (preferably from a thesis committee member), 2 pages maximum that addresses the award criteria contained in the description and mission statement above is permitted.
5. Nominees should be prepared to send a copy of the full dissertation upon request.

Each award recipient will receive a certificate and free registration for the 2012 ANSER Conference. Winners of the two awards will be honored guests at the Annual Banquet of the Association at which the awards will be presented. The award recipients will be strongly encouraged to submit a paper based upon the thesis to the ANSER journal.

All application materials should be submitted electronically to **anseraward@gmail.com** with **MA or PHD Dissertation Award** in the subject line. Submission deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012. The Student Award Committee decision will be announced on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012.

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