

William E. Krauss Director's Award

for Excellence in Graduate Research

The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and OSU Extension are critical components of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) serving the mission of teaching, research, and extension. Together, OARDC and OSU Extension translate cutting edge research into impactful knowledge for our stakeholders across the state. 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 (now OARDC) 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. The award will be presented at the CFAES Annual Research Conference in Wooster, Ohio which is being held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. 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 supported project.

II. Nomination Guidelines

- a. Each department/school may nominate up to two individuals who received a PhD no earlier than the 2019 calendar year and have refereed publications that either have been published or are accepted for publication (*in press*).
- b. The refereed publications to be considered for the award must be related to the content of the Ph.D. thesis and submitted and accepted either during the tenure of the student in the Ph.D. program or up to one year after finishing the program
- c. The refereed publication submitted for consideration of the award must be based on research done as part of the doctoral dissertation and the student must be the lead author of the 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 Thursday, January 30, 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 Research Awards Committee

A standing committee of faculty with broad discipline 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 28, 2020.

V. Award Presentation

All awards will be presented at the Annual CFAES Research Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio which is being held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020. 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**2020 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