

Beyond Meat Dissertation Award

The Beyond Meat Dissertation Award recognizes innovative dissertation research in natural science fields related to sustainable plant-based food. One to two \$5000 awards may be granted each year. Awardees will be selected by a faculty committee based on exceptional innovation in sustainable plant-based food and significant contributions of the dissertation research.

Eligibility:

Students who graduated from doctoral programs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CAFNR), College of Arts and Science, and College of Engineering are eligible for nomination. The effective date of the doctoral degree award or the completion of doctoral degree requirements and dissertation must be within the fall, spring, and summer semesters of the prior academic year. For example, students nominated in fall 2022 must have completed their degree and dissertation in fall 2021, spring 2022, or summer 2022. Nominees must demonstrate exceptional innovation related to sustainable plant-based food.

Nominations:

Department/program nominations are accepted, with Department Chair/Head or Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) endorsement. There is no limit on how many nominations a department/program may submit for this award. Please note that self-nominations are *not* accepted for the Beyond Meat Dissertation Award.

Nominations should include the following materials, submitted as a **single pdf document** to mugradfellowshipnom@missouri.edu by **February 15, 2023**:

1. **Abstract** of the nominee's dissertation (not to exceed five double-spaced pages). References and appendices containing non-textual material, such as charts, figures, or tables, may be included as additional pages. All pages should be numbered, and each should bear the name of the nominee. The abstract should clearly articulate the contributions of the research to innovation in sustainable plant-based food.
2. **Three letters of recommendation** evaluating the significance and quality of the nominee's dissertation work.
 1. A letter from the Department Chair/Head or DGS
 2. A letter from the nominee's dissertation supervisor
 3. A letter from a person who has appropriate expertise (from within or outside the university).
3. **Nominee's CV or resume**