ABACBS outstanding PhD thesis award

This award recognizes outstanding PhD theses awarded during the past two years. Up to 2 awards will be given each year. Candidates for the award may self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague (e.g. supervisor, co-worker, mentor etc.). Only theses with examiners reports received within the two years prior to the award year will be considered. Candidates must have received examiners reports before applying for this award. Applications consist of:

- A description of the thesis (up to 2 pages appropriately formatted)
  - 12pt font, Arial
  - Normal margins (2.54 cm)
- A list of any papers published or in preprint relating to work done during the PhD. Open source software releases that are archived and assigned a DOI with a service such as Zenodo or Figshare may also be included.
- A letter of support from the candidates supervisor, department head, or mentor
- A 100 word lay summary
- Thesis examiners reports
- Complete thesis

The application should be submitted as a single compressed .tar.gz file.

Normal society rules and policies apply regarding Gender Equity and Diversity, and will be monitored by the ABACBS executive committee.

Applicant criteria:

- Applicants must have obtained their PhD from an Australian University.
- Applicant membership:
  - Applicants must have been or be a financial member of ABACBS for the last 12 months. If their membership was not renewed since being granted their PhD, their supervisor must have a continuing financial membership with ABACBS.
  - Students must have submitted and received reviewers comments within the two years prior to the award application closing date
  - Students can submit for the award more than once (so long as it remains within the two year timeframe)

Scores based on:

- Significance of work and contribution of nominee
- Quality of thesis description
  - Quality of writing (flow, grammar, spelling etc.)
  - Relevance to bioinformatics/computational biology field
  - Impact/longevity on the scientific community
- Assessment of feedback from examiners
- Quality of lay summary and quality of letter of support