

## 2020 tad Boot Camp and tad Boot Camp Awards

### ABOUT

Come and get some serious writing done at our tad (thesis and dissertation) Boot Camp. The tad Boot Camp is a graduate writing event designed to centralize the various services available across campus to support thesis and dissertation research in one convenient location. The Boot Camp also creates an energetic and productive writing environment intended to help graduate students replace procrastination with productivity!

Our 3-day event consists of tad writing sessions, one-to one writing support, and research consultations with experienced researchers in your field as well as an open writing space for students to work at their own pace, with partners, or in small groups. Graduate students who participate in the Boot Camp are also eligible to apply for the tad Boot Camp award, which is announced annually at the Research Forum. These awards are intended to acknowledge graduate students who produce excellent research out of their participation in the boot camp. So, bring your laptop, a notebook and pen, any research materials or data you have and enjoy hours of graduate writing and research discussions along with other like-minded graduate students.

### OVERVIEW

- **Day One** (tad Writing Workshops): 1:00 PM -5:00 PM Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- **Day Two** (Research Consultations and Brainstorming Sessions with Experienced Faculty Researchers): 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- **Day Three** (Open tad Writing and tad Boot Camp Awards Registration): 3:00 PM -7:00 PM Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### ABOUT THE tad Boot Camp AWARDS

The Office of Graduate Studies has initiated the tad Boot Camp Awards in 2019 in recognition of high-caliber graduate research that demonstrates a strong potential for significant research impact. The awards are also a reflection of the quality of research that can be produced when students take full advantage of the resources and services available to support graduate

research at Qatar University. Awards will be presented by the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at the Annual Research Forum.

Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: A payment of **QR 10,000** to be used for attendance to a scientific event.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: A payment of **QR 5,000** to be used for attendance to a scientific event.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: A payment of **QR 2,000** to be used for attendance to a scientific event.

Eligibility Criteria:

Any Masters or Doctoral student working on a thesis or dissertation is eligible to apply for the award. Applicants must register for and attend the tad Boot Camp to be considered for the award. Awards are competitive and based on:

- The applicant's professional and academic performance/degree progress (10%)
- Significance and expected/potential impact (30%)
- Overall quality of thesis proposal (50%); i.e. clear and concise writing, narrow/focused topic, structure and organization of ideas, methodology and justifications
- Strength of Letter of Support from thesis supervisor (10%)

Application Procedure:

To apply, attend the tad Boot Camp from Jan. 27-Jan. 29, 2020 and register for the award at the registration booth. The tad Boot Camp Application and required supporting documents must be submitted through the QU Grad Student Blackboard Community by **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.**

Required Documents:

- tad Boot Camp Award Application
- Current CV
- Academic transcript
- Letter of Support from Thesis Supervisor
- Full Thesis Proposal (completed first three chapters of the thesis project including the Methodology)

### Review of Applications:

All applications will be screened for completeness and eligibility by the Office of Graduate Studies. A Review Committee will be established to evaluate applications according to the abovementioned eligibility criteria. Awards will be presented by the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at the Annual Research Forum.

The tad Boot Camp is hosted annually by Learning Support in the Office of Graduate Studies under the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies.

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