

Call: GAPS Graduate Award

Purpose of the Graduate Award:

Each year, the Gesellschaft für Anglophone Postkoloniale Studien/Association for Anglophone Postcolonial Studies (GAPS) confers the GAPS Graduate Award for young academics. The aim is to honour outstanding theses (undergraduate and master's theses as well as state examination theses) on Anglophone postcolonial literatures and cultures as well as on the varieties of English submitted to universities and colleges in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Theses that were submitted outside of these countries are eligible for consideration if written by a student member of GAPS. The award winners are chosen by a three-person jury composed of university instructors. The Graduate Award for young academics was first conferred in 2008.

Who can nominate candidates?

Thesis advisors who are GAPS members are entitled to nominate candidates. Eligible for proposals for the Graduate Award to be conferred for 2021 are works submitted in connection with examination procedures that were completed between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021. The deadline for submission is January 15, 2021.

How does the nomination process work?

Nominations are to be sent to the GAPS board of directors, which then forwards them to the jury. For its work, the jury requires the examination thesis and report both in electronic form (CD or email attachment) and as a hard copy. Please send nominations to:

Gesellschaft für Anglophone Postkoloniale Studien Attn: Prof. Dr. Cecile Sandten Chair of English Literatures Technische Universität Chemnitz Reichenhainer Str. 39

president Strengtzn Germany

What is the award's endowment, and where is it presented?

The GAPS Graduate Award is endowed as follows:

- € 500 prize
- Payment of travel expenses (second-class train travel) and one night's hotel accommodation for attending the award presentation at the GAPS annual conference as well as the fees for the conference
- Free GAPS membership for two years (starting in the year of the award)
- Opportunity to publish the thesis on the GAPS website

In addition to the Graduate Award, two **recognition awards** are conferred. These are endowed as follows:

- Free GAPS membership for two years (starting in the year of the award)
- Payment of travel expenses (second-class train travel) and one night's hotel accommodation for attending the award presentation at the GAPS annual conference as well as the fees for the conference

The GAPS Graduate Award and the two recognition awards will be presented during the GAPS annual conference which, in 2021, will take place in Oldenburg.