

## **2025 NAGC R&E Graduate Student Research Gala Guidelines for Students**

### **Invitation**

We are currently accepting submissions for the NAGC Research & Evaluation Network Graduate Student Research Gala, to be held during the upcoming NAGC convention. The Research Gala provides an opportunity for graduate students to receive valuable feedback on their research, network with experts in the field of gifted education, and showcase their research.

Participants will:

- Submit a 15 to 20-page research paper by July 15, 2025.
- Create a poster to present at the Gala event at the NAGC convention.

Winners will be chosen in the following categories:

- Collaborative In-Progress Research
- Collaborative Completed Research
- Individual In-Progress Research
- Individual Completed Research

\*Please note that dissertation research should not be submitted to the Research Gala. Doctoral students should consider submitting their completed dissertation research to the R&E Dissertation Award. Please contact Dr. Melanie Meyer ([melanie\\_meyer@baylor.edu](mailto:melanie_meyer@baylor.edu)) for more information about the Dissertation Award competition.

Research papers will be judged by experts in the field of giftedness, creativity, and talent. Winners will be announced at the Gala.

If you have any questions about the Gala, please contact the R&E Awards Chair, Dr. Melanie Meyer ([melanie\\_meyer@baylor.edu](mailto:melanie_meyer@baylor.edu)) or R&E Chair, Dr. Carla Brigandi ([carla.brigandi@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:carla.brigandi@mail.wvu.edu)).

Complete submissions will include:

- (1) title page and
- (2) 15-20 page de-identified paper.

All submissions must be uploaded to [this submission form](#) no later than 11:59 PM (CST) on July 15, 2025.

### **Eligibility**

All participants must be members of NAGC.

All papers should represent original and individual work done in the past two years as a graduate student.

### **Submission Categories**

Master's and doctoral-level students can enter their work into **one** of four categories:

- **Collaborative in-progress research** - this category is for research that is being conducted by *a team* of graduate students that has *not yet been completed*. Research proposals are appropriate for this category.
- **Collaborative completed research** - this category is for research conducted by *a team* of graduate students that *has been completed*.
- **Individual in-progress research** - this category is for research that is being conducted by *an individual* that has *not yet been completed*. Research proposals are appropriate for this category.
- **Individual completed research** - this category is for research conducted by *an individual* that *has been completed*.

Questions regarding categories should be directed to the R&E Awards Chair, Dr. Melanie Meyer ([melanie\\_meyer@baylor.edu](mailto:melanie_meyer@baylor.edu)) prior to the submission deadline.

### **Content**

All research papers should consider a topic within the field of gifted education. Qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods research studies are most appropriate for the Gala. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses are also accepted, but literature reviews, theoretical pieces, and methodological papers are not.

### **Instructions for Submission**

#### ***Components of Paper***

1. Abstract page (100-150 words)
2. Main text (maximum of 20 pages)
3. Reference list
4. Tables and figures should be included after the reference list (if applicable)
5. Paper must be double-spaced, 1" margins, 12 point Times New Roman font
6. Papers must adhere to APA 7 style. Papers must be Word documents.

\*Please note that the entire paper must be de-identified. Do not include any identifying information in your paper.

### ***Components of Title Page***

1. Title Page with the title of the submission
2. Contact information for the author, including university affiliation, competition category (Collaborative In-Progress, Collaborative Completed, Individual In-Progress, Individual Completed)
3. 3-5 keywords

Please submit your complete submission (paper, title page, submission checklist) using [this link](#) no later than 11:59 PM (CST) on July 15, 2025.