

National Association for Gifted Children,
Research and Evaluation Network

Dissertation Award Competition

Specific Guidelines for Dissertation Manuscript Submissions:

Eligibility

All participants must be members of NAGC. After submission of paper, any participant who is not a member will be asked to join.

Dissertation Research studies must have been completed within the last two years. The research must have been conducted while the graduate student was a doctoral candidate and must be the original work of the recent graduate.

Content

All research papers should consider a topic regarding the field of gifted education. Qualitative, Quantitative, Mixed-Methods, and Meta-analysis research studies are most appropriate.

Format

- Apply 7th edition APA formatting guidelines
- Double spaced
- 1 inch margins
- 12-point font (Times New Roman)
- APA formatting
- Word documents only (.doc, or .docx format) (no PDFs)

Components

1. Title Page
 - a. Contact information for author (name & email)
 - b. University affiliation where the research was conducted
 - c. 3-5 keywords
2. Abstract
 - a. 100-150 words
 - b. Blinded for review

3. Main Text
 - a. Maximum of 25 pages (exclusive of references, tables, and figures). ****Submissions longer than 25 pages in length will not be accepted.**
 - b. Blinded for review
4. Reference List
5. Tables and Figures
 - a. Each table/figure on a separate page **AFTER THE REFERENCE LIST**

To Submit Your Manuscript:

Step 1: Complete the Dissertation Competition Checklist Google form

Step 2: Email the following documents to the Awards Chair:

- **Title Page:** your current contact information, university affiliation, & 3-5 keywords
- **De-identified dissertation manuscript:** abstract, main text of 25 pages or less, reference list, and tables and figures (if applicable)
- You should receive an email confirmation within 48 hours of receipt of your manuscript.

Timeline:

The Awards Committee Chair will send participants a confirmation email stating receipt of submissions and whether submissions adhere to the guidelines above.

Blinded manuscripts will be assigned to 2-3 reviewers.

After the review process is complete, the Awards Committee Chair will contact the top 3 winners and inform them of their opportunity to present at the NAGC Convention.

The Chair will also send out instructions to the top ranked manuscript for receiving compensated registration to NAGC convention.

Winners will confirm their attendance and presentations at the NAGC convention.

