



AERC 2024 Graduate Student Research Award

Call for Graduate Student Award Submissions Guidelines and Eligibility

Purpose

The Graduate Student Research Award is designed to encourage, support, and recognize students' research contributions at the Adult Education Research Conference (AERC). Only papers accepted for presentation at the 2024 Adult Education Research Conference will be considered for the award.

Eligibility

- Applicants for the award must have been enrolled in an adult education (or closely related) graduate degree program between June 2023 and May 2024. Individuals who have graduated during this period are also eligible.
- A graduate student may apply if, and ONLY if, his/her proposal has been accepted.
- Graduate student papers that were accepted for presentation at the 2024 AERC conference are not automatically considered for the award.
- Only single author papers and jointly written papers or symposia with graduate student author(s) will be considered for this award.
- You must proactively apply for this award.

Review Criteria

The AERC Steering Committee will review the papers based on the following criteria:

- strong and clear purpose statement
- methodological soundness
- content organization
- readability
- evidence to support inferences and conclusions
- relationship of the research to adult education literature and theory
- implications for adult education

Procedures

To be considered for the graduate student award, the student must submit the following by May 1, 2024, Noon Central Time:

- Prepare a Graduate Student Award Application cover sheet (Word or PDF) with the following information:
 1. The names and institution affiliation of all author(s)
 2. A statement of intention to be considered for the Graduate Student Award
 3. Information about the author(s):
 - Names
 - Institution affiliation for each author
 - The advisor's name
 - The date of enrollment or graduation
 4. A statement that all authors have been graduate students in an adult education (or closely related) graduate degree program between June 2023 and June 2024 or have graduated during this period.

- Submit your application coversheet and accepted paper.
 1. Email your application and accepted paper to aercsteeringcommittee@gmail.com placing Graduate Student Award in the subject line.
 2. You will receive a response email that your award application has been received.

The recipient(s) will be notified before the conference and receive the award at the business luncheon. The recipient(s) will be expected to present the paper during the conference.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Rose at arose@niu.edu