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Outstanding Doctoral-Level Research

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The Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) announces its annual competition for outstanding doctoral-level research in the field of learning disabilities. The purposes of the award are to encourage excellence in doctoral level research and to recognize quality research that contributes to the field of learning disabilities.

The award consists of

- A \$500 cash award,
- Up to an additional \$500 for travel to receive the award at the CEC Annual Convention,
- Free one-year membership in CEC and DLD,
- An opportunity to present the research at the CEC Annual Convention, and
- An invitation to submit the research in the Division journal, *Learning Disabilities Research & Practice*.

Timeline

Applications for the award must be received no later than **1 January** of each year. The recipient will be selected and notified by **15 February** of each year.

Eligibility

The competition is open to individuals (self-nominations are appropriate) who have received (a) approval by the dissertation committee of the final written form of the dissertation or (b) the doctoral degree during the two-year period preceding 1 October of each application year. Eligibility will be verified through the applicant's degree-granting institution to protect all applicants, the universities, and DLD. These criteria are for the purpose of eligibility and do not indicate that the submitted research must be a student's dissertation; students are welcome to submit other studies that they have conducted during the period when they are eligible. Only submit one application per person.

The award recognizes doctoral students who have focused their research on learning disabilities or who have conducted related research having clear implications for the field of learning disabilities. Studies employing any research methods (e.g., experimental, ethnographic, historical, or survey) appropriate to research questions related to learning disabilities are appropriate.

Application

Each applicant must submit an documentation including:

- An appropriate title page including the dissertation title, author, date of dissertation, approval or awarding of degree, degree-granting institution, name and dissertation committee chair, and applicant's current address and phone number;

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- An abstract, not to exceed 150 words [as an attachment in Rich Text Format (.rtf), Microsoft Word format (.doc or docx), or portable document format (.pdf)];
- A manuscript not to exceed 25 pages (not including tables, figures and references) outlining and summarizing the research, using APA guidelines. Manuscripts submitted for this competition may already have been submitted or accepted for publication. If submitted or accepted, appropriate publication information must be provided (submit this manuscript in .rtf, .doc or .docx, or .pdf format); and
- Because duplicate file names can be confused, please clearly name each file with the applicant's name, application year, and identity of the file and without spaces; for example, Cruickshank_2013_manuscript.pdf or Kirk2013abstract.docx.

Send applications to DLD Research Committee Chair: Res@TeachingLD.org