

**2018 CWPA Graduate Research Award for Writing in WPA
Call for Submissions**

The Council of Writing Program Administrators is pleased to announce the call for submissions for its award recognizing outstanding scholarship by graduate students writing on issues in writing program administration.



Submissions are due January 15, 2018 at 11:59pm (PST).

Eligibility: Submissions should be (co-)authored by students currently enrolled in graduate classes or graduate programs or by those who have recently completed their graduate degrees. Submissions should have been completed as a graduate student between Sept. 1, 2016 and Dec. 31, 2017.

Submissions: Submissions should be unpublished manuscripts (not already accepted for publication) of 5,000–8,000 words or an equivalent multimedia and/or web-based project. These projects could include but are not limited to historical/archival studies of WPA-related issues, writing program assessment, faculty development, classroom ethnography, or composition curriculum analysis. The committee especially welcomes projects that explore issues of diversity and identity formation and that support underrepresented faculty or students.

The committee will consider seminar papers, websites, multi-media projects, dissertation chapters, collaborative work, and theses. Theses and dissertation chapters should be appropriately modified and contextualized to stand alone as cohesive texts. In all cases, submissions should demonstrate exemplary scholarship; reflect the theory, praxis, and values of writing program administration; and articulate how the project contributes to the ongoing investigative interests of WPA work. To ensure anonymity, please remove all identifying information from a project prior to submission. Manuscript submissions should conform to the editorial and stylistic guidelines of the journal *WPA: Writing Program Administration* (<http://wpacouncil.org/info-for-authors>); other kinds of projects should be publication-ready as appropriate.

Cover Letter: Accompanying the submission, candidates should address a one-page cover letter as a Word document to the selection committee that provides contact information and that briefly describes their specific project, articulates its significance to their local institutional context, and frames it in the scholarship and theory of writing program administration.

Application Deadline and Timeline: Applicants must submit materials via email to Dr. Cristyn Elder (celder@umn.edu), Chair of the CWPA Graduate Research Award Committee, with the subject line “2018 CWPA Graduate Research Award” by **January 15, 2018 at 11:59pm (PST)**. Entries will be reviewed and a winner selected by February 2018. The winner will be notified as soon as possible thereafter. The winner of the award will be publicly recognized at the 2018 WPA Summer Conference.

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Prize: A certificate and total cash prize of \$300 will be awarded to the winning project. In accepting the award and prize, the author(s) agree to submit a proposal for a presentation based on the project for inclusion in the WPA Summer Conference program in the same year the award is received. Upon the acceptance of the presentation proposal, one conference registration fee will be waived for the winning project (whether single- or co-authored).

Evaluation Criteria: Submissions will be judged in a blind review by the Graduate Research Awards Committee composed of CWPA members. An excellent submission

- supports underrepresented faculty or students as it explores issues of diversity and identity formation.
- has a clearly stated purpose.
- is innovative and timely in the way it addresses a gap in the WPA literature or expands ongoing interests in the literature.
- is clearly informed by and in conversation with relevant WPA scholarship, both current and seminal.
- provides a clear description of the theoretical framework or methodology used to accomplish one's purpose and how it was applied.
- is sound in its argument; claims or conclusions are clearly supported by evidence and effectively developed.
- is written in a clear, articulate style that serves to strengthen the ethos of the author(s).
- is well organized.
- is appropriately modified and contextualized to stand alone as a cohesive text.

If you have any questions about the above, please contact Dr. Cristyn Elder at celder@unm.edu.

CWPA Graduate Research Award Committee

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