

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding  
Dissertation Award

Applications Due  
**January 20, 2023**



**Co-Chaired by**  
Dr. Daniel Dinsmore &  
Dr. Heather Haverback



Paul R. Pintrich was a Fellow and longstanding and devoted member of APA Division 15. He served in many roles for the division, including terms as its President (2001-2002) and as Editor of *Educational Psychologist* (1995-2000). Throughout his too short but influential career, Paul enthusiastically mentored many students to the successful completion of their dissertation. In addition, he readily guided early-career researchers from around the globe as they initiated their work in educational psychology.

Established and named in his honor, the Division 15 Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award recognizes excellence in educational psychology doctoral dissertation research that has been completed in the past two years. Consistent with Paul's commitment to diversity and inclusion of multiple perspectives, Division 15 encourages nominations of dissertation work from all areas of educational psychology and from any related area of psychological or educational research. Dissertations that employ diverse methodologies, statistical, or analytic approaches also are encouraged. Information about past award winners is available through [the Division 15 website](#).



## Eligibility

The applicant must be a member, affiliate, or student member of Division 15 and must have completed a dissertation in an area of educational psychology or related field at an accredited college or university within the past two calendar years (note that membership to Division 15 is free for the first year). This year's applicants must have completed their dissertation and doctoral degree between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2022. No more than three applicants per year may come from the same doctoral program.

## Award Description

One Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award will be given each year. The award includes a \$1,000 cash honorarium, a \$1,500 travel budget to the Annual APA Convention to present their body of research, and a plaque of recognition.

## Timeline

The Dissertation Award Committee will examine all eligible applications and select one person to receive the award. Typically, completed applications will be due in January/February and the winner announced at the annual APA Convention later that same year. The following year as part of the Division 15 program at the annual convention, the award will be officially granted, and the winner will give an award address based on their dissertation work. The 2023 Pintrich Dissertation Award address will be held at the 2024 APA Convention.





# When & How to Apply

A completed application should be submitted no later than January 20, 2023 and contain the following components:

1. An application cover sheet. Your cover sheet should include your dissertation title, institution, name, and dissertation completion date. Please name this file according to the following convention: yourlastname\_coversheet.pdf
2. An extended abstract that is typed. 2000-word maximum, double-spaced in APA style. With their abstract, applicants may include up to two additional pages for tables and/or figures, and one additional page for a list of references). Please name this file according to the following convention: yourlastname\_abstract.doc. This document should be submitted as a Microsoft Word file (.doc file extension). Your abstract should include information on the following:
  - Significance and/or need for the research
  - Research questions and hypotheses (if the latter is applicable)
  - Methods: (a) participants and procedure; (b) materials; and (c) data analytic approach
  - Main results and conclusions
  - Theoretical, methodological, and/or practical/educational implications of research
3. An autobiography and personal statement (300 words maximum). Please briefly describe your educational trajectory, salient research experiences, and future research and/or career plans. In addition, please discuss:
  - what inspired you to conduct your dissertation research;
  - what you view as particularly significant strengths and contributions of your dissertation research and why;
  - anything else you would like to mention about your personal and/or professional trajectory that you view as relevant to your application for this award
4. A letter of nomination (two-page maximum) from a faculty member who is best-positioned to speak about the excellence of the dissertation. In most cases, this faculty member is likely be your dissertation chair, but need not be if you believe that another faculty member is especially well-positioned to write about your dissertation. The letter should speak to the quality of the dissertation and must be signed by the faculty member. This letter should be scanned and included in your email. Please name this file according to the following convention: yourlastname\_facultynomination.pdf.
5. Proof of current member or affiliate status in Division 15. Please name this file according to the following convention: lastname\_membership. (File format may vary.)

Please send all materials in a single email to Dr. Daniel Dinsmore ([daniel.dinsmore@unf.edu](mailto:daniel.dinsmore@unf.edu)).



# Evaluation Criteria

All application materials submitted for consideration for the Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award will be evaluated by the Award Committee. Dissertation abstracts will be judged by the Award Committee on a scale from 1 (poor) to 7 (outstanding) along the following dimensions:

- **Significance.** The following should be evident:
  - theoretical and/or practical significance of the dissertation's research objectives and focus
  - theoretical and/or practical significance of the dissertation's conclusions
- **Quality of Writing.** The abstract should be organized and clear. That is, it should address all of the above-mentioned components of the abstract and should be written in a way that is clearly-structured and easy to consume.
- **Quality of Research.** The abstract should reflect high quality research.
- **Interpretation.** The conclusions drawn are valid and well grounded. That is, conclusions are clearly grounded in the conceptual and methodological foundation of the research.

The Award Committee will consider all aspects of the application package when using the above criteria and will then provide a comprehensive rating of each award applicant's overall application packet.

