

Call for Applications for the Association of Test Publishers (ATP) 2019 Graduate Student Research Award

The ATP Innovations in Testing Conference (www.innovationsintesting.org) is one of the assessment industry's largest conferences with annual attendance of more than 1,200 testing professionals. The conference is well-known for delivering high quality, innovative content and attracting leaders in the assessment industry. To promote innovative research at the graduate level, the 2019 Conference executive committee is pleased to announce the inaugural ATP Graduate Student Research Award.

The theme of the 2019 ATP Graduate Student Research Award is **Innovations in Testing: Disruptive Technology in Large-Scale Assessments**. Graduate students conducting research regarding how technology may be used to enhance or support large-scale assessments are encouraged to apply. Award winners will receive financial support to attend the 2019 Innovations in Testing Conference in Orlando, Florida. They will present their research project in a special conference session. In addition to the opportunity to showcase their research in front of assessment industry practitioners, awardees will network with professionals and meet industry mentors.

One award will be given at the 2019 Innovations in Testing Conference. **Applications are due by midnight EST on January 25th, 2019.**

Award Theme

Innovations in Testing: Disruptive Technology in Large-Scale Assessments

Purpose

To encourage innovative research with practical applications in large scale assessments among graduate student researchers, and to provide opportunities for graduate researchers to network with leaders in the assessment industry.

Research Themes

ATP is made up of testing organizations that serve a wide range of constituents. Research conducted by award applicants should address how new technology or data analytic advances may be used to enhance large-scale assessments in one or more of the following practice areas.

- Clinical Psychology
- Education
- Industrial/Organizational
- Licensure and Certification
- Workforce Skills Credentialing

Eligibility Criteria

Graduate students currently enrolled in doctoral level programs are eligible to apply. Applicants must be conducting research that is directly applicable to large-scale assessments. This research award is not limited to graduate students pursuing degrees in academic disciplines traditionally associated with measurement. Graduate students enrolled in all academic disciplines with research interests applicable to large-scale assessment technology and data analytic innovations are also encouraged to apply.

Award Amount

Award winners will receive one free registration to the ATP 2019 Innovations in Testing Conference convening from March 17 - 20, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando in Orlando, Florida. In addition, winners will receive a \$2000 (USD) travel grant to support conference travel and accommodation costs.

Award winners must work with an assigned industry mentor in preparation for their presentation at the 2019 ATP Innovations in Testing Conference. Recipients are required to follow the guidelines of the award process and to present their research at the 2019 Innovations in Testing Conference.

Selection Process

Criteria for awards will be based on innovation of research, applicability to the testing industry, clarity of the proposal, and relevance of interest to the ATP audience. Award recipients will be nominated by the award subcommittee composed of members of the ATP Innovations in Testing Conference Executive Committee and other assessment industry professionals. Final selection of the award recipients will be made by ATP award chair and representatives from the conference executive committee.

Application Procedures

Applicants must submit the following materials to atp@designingevents.com by January 25, 2019. The award committee will not consider incomplete or late applications.

- A cover letter
- 1000-word summary of the research project (including description of the research purpose, methodology, results and proposed applications to large-scale assessments)
- Current curriculum vitae
- One letter of recommendation from the applicant's faculty research advisor

Award Notification Timeframe

Award applications are accepted through January 25, 2019. **Award recipients will be notified by February 4, 2019.**