

**National Council for Geographic Education
Salvatore J. Natoli Dissertation Award**

Award Submission Deadline: April 30 of each year.

Eligible Candidates: Applicant must have completed their dissertation within the previous two years prior to the submission year. Applicants must be NCGE members.

Award Purpose: To recognize and support outstanding doctoral research in geography education. The award is not restricted to Ph.D. dissertations in geography.

Application Procedure

The applicant will submit three items:

1. A cover letter that states the name and contact information of the applicant, the title of the dissertation, date of the degree, and the major professor's name and institution.
2. A paper describing the dissertation work. The paper should include:
 - a. An abstract (200 words maximum).
 - b. A section describing the contribution of the research to advancing geography education.
 - c. A literature review that sufficiently provides context for the research and how the work builds on past work.
 - d. A section providing details of the method used, including participants, instruments, procedures, and techniques.
 - e. A findings and discussion section that summarizes the results of the study.
 - f. A section on extending the research (e.g. future directions).
 - g. The entire paper submission (items a – f) shall be 15 pages maximum (includes figures, tables, references), double-spaced type, font size 12, and 1-inch margins.
3. A letter from the major professor confirming the relationship between the paper submitted and the dissertation.

All materials should be combined into a single PDF file for submission.

Award

All submissions will be reviewed by the Natoli Dissertation Award Review Committee. One prize of \$500 will be awarded. All awardees are expected to make an oral presentation of their research at the National Conference on Geography Education. A registration waiver is also awarded to the winner. NCGE reserves the right to not make an award in any given year.