

2020 NASASPS RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

Solicitation for Research Proposals

Deadline: March 6, 2020

The National Association of State Administrators and Supervisors of Private Schools (NASASPS) is excited to announce the inaugural **2020 Evaluation of State Authorization** research grant program. The objective of the research grant is to analyze state authorization processes and identify practices to increase higher education institutional quality and appropriate consumer protections. This program will support the NASASPS mission to improve and promote effective state regulation of private postsecondary education.

Background:

In the United States, postsecondary educational institutions must be authorized in each state in which they operate. This authorization typically consists of recognition or approval through a state licensure or authorization process for an institution to legally operate within a state.

Research Overview:

The goal of the research is to evaluate the current authorization practices in each state, considering each state's resources and legislative landscape. The research should focus on one or more of the following:

- Description of each state's authorization process
- Best Practices
- Challenges to effective state authorization
- Institutional Quality Measures
- Consumer Protection
- Other topics related to state authorization

Award Amount:

- Travel expenses and conference registration for attendance at the 2020 NASASPS Conference in New Orleans, LA (April 26-29, 2020)
 - Eligible expenses include lodging, transportation, meals, parking & tolls and incidentals at the CONUS rate for New Orleans, LA
- Travel expenses and conference registration for attendance at the 2021 NASASPS Conference in Phoenix, AZ (tentatively scheduled for April 12-14, 2021)
 - Eligible expenses include lodging, transportation, meals, parking & tolls and incidentals at the CONUS rate for Phoenix, AZ
- Potential for internship/capstone project credit

Research Terms and Conditions:

- The researcher will attend the 2020 NASASPS conference to gain insight and perspective of the postsecondary state authorization landscape
- The researcher will collaborate with NASASPS membership to gather state specific information
- The researcher will share data and written work and present on findings at the 2021 NASASPS Conference
 - Written findings are due to the NASASPS Board approximately one month prior to the 2021 NASASPS Conference

Eligibility:

Applicant must either be a graduate student or work in an educational research field.

Application Submission Requirements:

- Resume or Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of recommendation (Students only)
- Research outline
- Budget sheet detailing travel cost to conference
- Application must be submitted in English
- Application and all required documents must be submitted prior to the deadline

All proposals should be sent to NASASPS headquarters at the address below:

NASASPS
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Application Timeline:

All applications will be held at NASASPS headquarters until the application deadline. Applications received by March 6, 2020 will be considered for award at the March 17, 2020 NASASPS Board meeting. Award notifications will be announced no later than March 20, 2020.

Additional information can be found at www.nasasps.org, or by contacting:

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