

# Awards for Aging Research

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The purpose of these awards is to increase students' scholarly investigation and research on issues related to older adults and the aging process. Students are encouraged to examine any topic within the fields of gerontology and geriatrics, broadly defined.



**Who is Eligible?** Undergraduate Graduate or Professional Students (including medical residents or postdoctoral students) enrolled or working at the University of Florida for at least one term between January, 2018 and Spring, 2019.

**What Kind of Paper?** Appropriate projects include research studies, scholarly reviews, essays, or creative works that deal with any topic related to late life, aging, and older citizens. Research reports cannot exceed 24 pages including references and tables. Students must also submit a separate page with contact information for student and mentor, a description of aging-related activities of the student, and summary information for the research. Details below.

**What are the Awards?** A faculty review committee will make 2 or 3 awards for quality papers in the Graduate and Professional category (\$1200) and 1 or 2 awards in the Undergraduate paper category (\$600).

**How do I Submit?** Send papers by February 8, 2019 to Dr. Natalie Ebner at [natalie.ebner@ufl.edu](mailto:natalie.ebner@ufl.edu). All papers should be submitted by email as a PDF attachment. Put 'Awards for Aging Research' and first and last name in the email subject line.

**Directions for Submission:** Qualified research includes any project that was completed during the last year by a UF student. If these conditions apply, students may submit a paper that was previously considered for this award. ***Student winners from the previous 3 years are not eligible to reapply.*** The

research paper may have been completed for a class assignment, for a masters or doctoral degree, for a research grant, or as an independent project. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit papers completed for a course. An awards ceremony, sponsored by the Institute for Learning in Retirement, will be held at Oak Hammock in Gainesville during the spring term.

Students submit 2 separate PDF files by email. All submissions must be in 11-point font or larger, with margins no less than 1 inch all around, which is, 1 inch on the left, right, top, and bottom of the page. All submissions must be sent by email to [natalie.ebner@ufl.edu](mailto:natalie.ebner@ufl.edu). Submissions will not be accepted in any other form and all instructions about file preparation must be followed.

**FIRST FILE:** The file name should be your first and last name followed by '\_doc1' (e.g., [natalie.ebner\\_doc1](mailto:natalie.ebner@ufl.edu)). Only PDFs are accepted. This should be a 1-page single-spaced document that includes the full title of the paper; student name, student contact information (phone, mailing address, email), UF-ID#; name(s) and contact information for faculty mentor(s); a brief summary of the paper written for a lay audience (not an academic summary, use simple language, cannot exceed 70 words); a description of the student's experience in aging-related programs (department, graduate program, courses, research, internships, etc.); a description of when and why this particular research was completed (e.g., "This research reports on a pilot study for my Masters thesis. Dr. Johnson was the supervisor. I began the data collection last spring term and finished the project in January of this year."). A student's assignment to the undergraduate or graduate/professional category will be determined by their student status at the time that the paper was completed. The timing of project completion should be made clear in the description.

**SECOND FILE:** The file name should be a 1-4 word keyword title (e.g., [driver.problems](#)) for the research. Only PDFs are accepted. This document must be no more than 24 double-spaced pages in 11-point font. Do not put the student's name, advisor's name, or the name of the department anywhere on this document. The file should consist of a full title at the top of the first page, followed by 2 blank lines, then the research report, including references, and if desired, tables and figures. Include a description of the project purpose, methods, and results in your report on the research. If you choose to put a header on this document file, the header should not include any names; use the summary title for a header. This file should be prepared for an anonymous review of the research project by an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Papers will be rated more highly if they provide a well-written cogent description of the research that is not overly technical, that can be understood clearly by anyone knowledgeable in any field of aging. All field-specific terms should be defined.

**References/bibliography for the paper:** Use any standard referencing format. Be consistent.

**Fonts, tables and figures:** Tables and figures may be printed in fonts smaller than 11 point and they may be single-spaced as long as they are clear. Everything else should be in 11-point font and double-spaced. All tables and figures must be included in the allotted 24 pages. No additional tables or appendices will be accepted. Multiple tables and figures may be included on one page if this can be done without sacrificing legibility and clarity.

Each awardee will receive a certificate and prize money. Depending on student status and award level, the student could receive a direct check payment or the money could be awarded through student financial aid and may be applied to pay for tuition and fees.