5th Annual Marykathyrn Kubat Graduate Student Research Award

Call for Proposals

The American Association for Budget and Program Analysis invites master's candidates in public administration, public policy, and other related disciplines to submit proposals for its 5th annual award competition for graduate student research. Students are encouraged to submit research topics that analyze the current social, economic, and political landscape in order to offer alternatives for change. Students may also include historical references to the evolution of the budget process, program analysis and performance measures, or fiscal policy when appropriate.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Debt and deficits
- Performance measures and government program implementation
- Revenue and receipt estimating
- Revenue policy
- The effectiveness of economic stimulus proposals
- Regulation of financial and other markets
- Emerging technologies as tools to improve government services or budget execution
- Stewardship of public funds
- The Congressional budget and appropriations process
- Presidential management programs

Awards

One graduate student entry will receive the Marykathryn Kubat Award for Graduate Student Research which includes a **certificate and $1,000 prize**. Selected finalists will be invited to present their research at an evening reception on **July 9, 2013** and the award will be announced during the AABPA Symposium on **July 10, 2013** in Washington, D.C. Finalists' presentations must include a poster display and one-page summary document. Guidance for these products will be provided to finalists upon notification of selection. A limited number of student travel stipends for the conference will also be available for finalists.

Application Process

Submit a 300-word abstract and a resume or CV to **melissa.merrell@aabpa.org** no later than **May 17, 2013.** Abstracts should include a title, summary, methodology, results, and conclusions (for research that is already complete). Proposals will be evaluated by a combined team of practitioners and academics on clarity, research methodology, originality, innovation, and potential for overall contribution to the fields of budgeting and program analysis.