



DIVISION ON CAREER
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Patricia L. Sitlington Emerging Researcher Award

Honoring Outstanding Dissertation Research

Call for Proposals

Application Deadline: May 12, 2022

The Division on Career Development and Transition (DCDT) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) wants to identify and highlight emerging research leaders in the field of career development and transition of exceptional individuals.

Proposals accepted to the **Patricia L. Sitlington Emerging Researcher Award** competition will be highlighted during a special **in-person** poster session at the International DCDT Conference in **Little Rock, Arkansas**. During this session, finalists' posters will be reviewed by a panel of at least three judges. More information about the session and judging criteria will be provided closer to the conference date.

Please note that finalists must attend the conference **in person** in order to participate.

The top three rated presentations will receive an award certificate. Additionally, the top-rated emerging researcher will receive a \$250 monetary prize and registration fees for the next International DCDT Conference waived provided they remain a member of DCDT.

To submit a proposal, please go to the DCDT website (www.dcdt.org). Follow the link provided under the Conference Tab, and then choose the Sitlington Graduate Emerging Researcher Award Strand. Proposals for the Sitlington Competition will be scored using the same criteria used for other conference proposals; the rubric is available on the DCDT website. If a presentation is not selected for the Sitlington poster competition, it will be considered for other proposal strands.

Additional Considerations:

1. **This competition is limited to dissertation research.** Submissions can be made up to one year after the submitter has successfully defended their dissertation work. Graduate students who are not presenting dissertation work are encouraged to submit to other conference proposal strands.
2. Posters must follow the general guidelines for poster presentations at the International DCDT Conference.
3. You must be a current DCDT member at the time of proposal submission to be considered for this award.