



## American Association for Budget and Program Analysis

### Marykathryn Kubat Award for Graduate Student Research

#### Call for Proposals

The American Association for Budget and Program Analysis (AABPA) invites master's students in public administration, public policy, and related disciplines to submit proposals for the annual **Marykathryn Kubat Award** for graduate research. Students are encouraged to submit research topics that analyze the fiscal, political, and social landscape at the core of budget and program analysis at the federal, state, or local levels. Students may include historical references to the evolution of the budget process, performance measures, accountability or fiscal policy when appropriate.

Topics may include, but are not limited, to:

- The budgeting process
- Citizen engagement in budgeting
- Budget reform
- Appropriations
- Deficits and debt
- Performance measures and management
- Revenues and expenditures
- Risk management
- Tax policy
- Pension reform
- Data analytics
- The DATA Act
- Procurement and contracting
- Accounting and auditing
- Strategic planning
- Program evaluation

#### Awards

One entry will receive the Marykathryn Kubat Award for Graduate Student Research which includes a **certificate and \$1,000 prize**. Entries may be single or co-authored. Selected finalists will be invited to display a poster of their research during the AABPA Symposium in **November 2019** (exact date forthcoming) in Washington, D.C. Finalists' presentations should also include a one-page summary document. Guidance for these products will be provided to finalists upon notification of selection.

#### Application Process

Submit a 350-word abstract of your research and a resume or CV to *Patrick Washington, Chair, AABPA Graduate Student Research* at [kubat.award@aabpa.org](mailto:kubat.award@aabpa.org), no later than **September 16, 2019**. Abstracts should include a title, summary, methodology, results and conclusions. Finalists will be selected on the merit of their abstract entries, but the final paper will determine the winner. Finalists will be notified on **September 30, 2019** and papers must be submitted **no later than October 22, 2019**. All submissions will be evaluated by a panel of practitioners and academicians. Criteria include: clarity, research methodology, originality, innovation, and potential for overall contribution to the fields of budgeting and program analysis.

#### About AABPA and the Marykathryn Kubat Award

The American Association for Budget & Program Analysis is an independent nonprofit association incorporated in Washington DC in 1976 to highlight the importance of thorough and professional analysis for government decisions. It is an all-volunteer organization whose programs are funded through membership dues, member contributions, and registration fees. This award was established in memory of Marykathryn Kubat, who was AABPA's Executive Director from 1976 until 1989. More information about AABPA is available at [www.aabpa.org](http://www.aabpa.org).

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