**NFIB Dissertation Award**

Call for Submissions: 2023 NFIB Doctoral Dissertation Award In Entrepreneurship And Independent Business

**PURPOSE**

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Doctoral Dissertation Award was established by the journal *Entrepreneurship: Theory & Practice* and is now sponsored by the NFIB Research Foundation. It recognizes outstanding doctoral research in the areas of entrepreneurship and independent business.

**FOCUS**

The NFIB Award targets research on the founding, management, growth, and development of new ventures, such as small businesses, family businesses, and minority businesses, and the support systems (other than venture capital) that facilitate their development. The Award does not target dissertations dealing primarily with high-growth, high-impact ventures (see the Heizer Award Call).

**AWARD**

The winner receives a cash prize of $2,500 and a plaque commemorating the winner’s outstanding research effort.

**AWARDING CRITERIA**

1. Fit with the Focus of the NFIB Award as described above.
2. Overall quality in literature survey, model development, hypothesis generation, research design, sample and/or site selection, data gathering methods, variable definition and measurement, data analysis methods, findings and conclusions, limitations, and implications for theory and research in entrepreneurship and independent business.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The 2023 NFIB Dissertation Award is open to authors who, in the calendar year 2022, completed all requirements for their doctoral degree, as supported by documentation from the awarding institution. This includes any coursework, public defense, revisions, etc. that are required for earning the degree. (Formal ceremonies such as graduation and promotion that are customary, but not required, can take place after 2022.) If some requirements have not been completed by 2022, candidates are encouraged to submit for the 2024 competition.

**SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS**

Submitters should provide (electronically, see below):

* Evidence of completion (see “Eligibility” above).
* A 500-word dissertation abstract and an additional 20-page dissertation summary (including references).

Both documents should be typed single-spaced with double spacing between paragraphs on 8.5 by 11-inch paper in 12 point New Times Roman font with 1 inch margins all around.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND DATES**

Submissions should be sent electronically no later than 5:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time (UTC -5 hours), January 16, 2023 to Jon C. Carr at [jccarr@ncsu.edu](mailto:jccarr@ncsu.edu) – Please include in the Email Subject line “2023 NFIB Dissertation Award Submission Materials”

Finalists will be notified by June 2023. To remain in the NFIB Dissertation Award competition pool, finalists will be required to send a full electronic copy of the dissertation in the exact form it was evaluated for the doctoral degree by a (tight) deadline specified at that point. The winner of the NFIB Award must also provide two print copies of the dissertation.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Authors can submit their work for consideration for ONLY ONE of the ENT Division’s dissertation awards. Thus, those who submit for the NFIB Award cannot also be eligible for the Heizer Award and vice versa. It is the submitter’s responsibility to submit to the Award which best fits the nominated work.