

2016-17 NAU Research Paper Scholarship: Criteria & Process

NOTE: The 2016-17 Tuition Scholarship will be applied to the 2017-18 academic year.

Awarding criteria:

- Student was enrolled at an NAU campus during the 2016-17 academic year (Summer 2016 – Spring 2017 quarters).
- Student must be a currently enrolled student and have at least one quarter left in their program.
- Student must be an undergraduate student.
- Student cannot be enrolled as a special student.
- Student must be in good standing.
- Student must submit their research paper to the Campus Librarian (or Distance Librarian, AskALibrarian@national.edu, if their campus does not have a designated campus librarian).
- Student must submit this completed coversheet with their paper: <http://arc.national.edu/library/docs/ResearchPaperScholarshipCoverSheetForCandidates.pdf>
- The paper must be the result of an assignment for an NAU class written during the 2016-17 academic year (Summer 2016 – Spring 2017).
 - The paper must be at least five pages in length, excluding title, abstract and reference page.
 - The paper must be written in APA 6th edition format (or Blue Book/ALWD format for legal papers) and submitted via electronic MS Word document.
 - Papers will be evaluated using the NAU [Research Paper Scholarship rubric](#) and include an evaluation of content, style, and grammar.
 - “Research must be drawn from a minimum of 5 sources: this includes at least 2 Peer-Reviewed/Refereed or Scholarly sources and the rest must be from different credible sources.” *(Exceptions may be considered if determined integral or appropriate to support the topic.)*
- Submission deadline for the scholarship is June 1, 2017.
- The **Campus Research Paper Scholarship Committee** (chaired by the campus or distance librarian with membership consisting of of Campus Director, DSS and faculty member(s) or their designee) reviews the papers to ensure they meet the minimum criteria and the librarian submits the top candidates to the Provost’s Office (attn: Kristine Starmer, Project Manager for Academics) no later than July 1, 2017.
- The Provost convenes the **Research Paper Scholarship Review Panel** (includes Librarians & College Deans). The **Panel** evaluates the papers and determines the awards no later than August 1, 2017.

Awarding limitations and process:

\$10,000 max per year

This scholarship is only available to undergraduate students for papers submitted as required in NAU courses and programs. The **Campus Research Paper Scholarship Committee** identifies top research paper(s) and submits them to the **Review Panel** by the published deadline. Only papers that represent the campus well should be forwarded. There may be occasions where no papers are forwarded. The **Panel** reviews the papers and makes the awards as follows:

1. The best student research paper: \$2,000
2. Up to three meritorious papers: \$1,000 each
3. Up to ten honorable mention papers: \$500 each

The **Research Paper Scholarship Review Panel** determines the number of papers awarded and the level of award each year depending on the quality of papers submitted and the score on the NAU approved writing rubric. If all monies are paid out, the maximum in a given year is \$10,000 as follows:

Top research paper:	\$2,000
Three meritorious papers:	\$3,000
Ten honorable mention papers:	\$5,000

The college reserves the right to only award papers deserving of the three levels. Only one entry per student is accepted per academic year. The panel will advise Financial Services of the scholarship recipients so that the funds can be disbursed to the recipients.