

## **NATIONAL AWARDS**

### **JOHN W. SCHUSTER RESEARCH PROPOSAL OF THE YEAR AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

Please return completed form to Tori Colson at [tshoulders@usi.edu](mailto:tshoulders@usi.edu)

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JANUARY 15!**

#### **PART I: APPLICANT**

Name:

Position:

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I certify that the information contained in this application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that I am currently a graduate student and that the proposed research is relevant to persons with disabilities in rural areas and has been approved by my advisor/committee.

**X**

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Electronic Signature

**Full proposal should be double-spaced, should address each component, should not exceed 30-pages (including references), and should be accompanied by a copy of a**

**recent curriculum vitae or resume and a signed letter from committee chair or department chair verifying approval of proposal.**

**PART I: RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

**Please include these sections in the proposal:**

**(a) Rationale for the study, including a brief summary of relevant literature**

**(b) Purpose or problem statement; (c) research questions or objectives**

**c) Methodology, including research design, measures, procedures and data analysis**

**(d) Hypothesized findings**

**(e) Potential of proposed research to positively affect research, policy, and practice relating to rural special education.**