

Korean American Academy of Lifelong Education (KAALE)
2025 Outstanding Graduate Research Award
Call for Submissions

Purpose

The Korean American Academy of Lifelong Education (KAALE) invites you to submit your paper for the 2025 KAALE Outstanding Graduate Research Award (OGRA). The KAALE OGRA encourages, supports, and recognizes Korean and Korean American students' research contributions to adult education and lifelong learning.

Eligibility

An applicant should meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants for the award must have been enrolled in adult education, lifelong learning, or closely related graduate programs (e.g. higher education, workforce education) between June 2024 and December 2025. Individuals who have graduated during this period are also eligible.
2. Current member of KAALE: If you are not currently a member of KAALE, you can join by visiting [the KAALE homepage](#).
3. Papers must be authored solely by a graduate student; if co-authored, a graduate student must be the first author.
4. Full papers accepted for academic conferences between January 2024 and June 2025 are eligible for the KAALE OGRA application. Papers are to be broadly within the field of adult education. Topics under the field of adult education include, but are not limited to:
 - Adult learning theory and practices
 - Learning within workplaces and organizations
 - Globalization, transnational migration and education
 - Sustainability, community development and learning
 - (Digital) literacy and basic skills learning
 - Indigenous perspectives and the politics of knowledge
5. Agreement to register and attend the 2025 KAALE meeting held at the AAACE Annual Meeting.

Review Criteria

All papers will be reviewed by external reviewers based on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Significance of the research topic
- Theoretical Soundness
- Methodological rigor
- Quality of Writing
- Potential to be published in a refereed journal
- Implications for research and practice in Adult Education and Lifelong Learning

Procedures

To apply for the KAALE OGRA, please complete [the Google Survey Form](#) and submit the following documents by Sunday, August 17, 2025:

- A cover page with the name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of all author(s).
- A copy of the full paper accepted for an academic conference. Ensure all identifiable information is removed from this document.

Announcement and Presentation of Award

The KAALE Research Committee will organize the award process based on the results of external reviews. By mid-September, recipients will be notified via email.

Each recipient will receive an award along with a monetary reward of \$500. The award ceremony will take place at the 2025 KAALE meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Submission Deadline: Sunday, August 17, 2025

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jihee Hwang, chair of the KAALE Research Committee (jiheeh@uark.edu).