

## **The Rural Poverty RIG Graduate Student Paper Award**

The purpose of this paper award is to recognize new and forthcoming scholarship from graduate students on topics related to rural poverty.

Current graduate students and those who graduated after July 2025 are eligible to apply. Papers may be co-authored, but the graduate student should be the lead author. We invite both working and published paper submissions. If published, papers should have been published in 2025 or 2026. Papers should be of normal journal article length and format (approximately 5,000-10,000 words, inclusive of references). We encourage applicants to become a member of the Rural Poverty RIG, but membership is not a requirement for submission.

The winner will receive a \$250 award.

Please submit a copy of your paper by July 1, 2026 to Kristina Brant at [kbrant@psu.edu](mailto:kbrant@psu.edu) and Aimee Inlay [ai311@msstate.edu](mailto:ai311@msstate.edu). You may include a short statement outlining the contribution of the paper to scholarship on rural poverty, however this is not necessary.