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NASBA ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2023 ACCOUNTING EDUCATION RESEARCH GRANTS 2024 Call for Proposals Open Through March 8, 2024

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 8, 2023 – The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) today announces the recipients of its 2023 <u>Accounting Education Research Grants</u>.

This year's grant recipients include the team of Dr. Dennis Bline and Dr. Xiaochuan Zheng, of Bryant University (Smithfield, RI). Their study, "*How does the slow wage growth in the accounting profession impact the CPA pipeline?*" will explore the relationship between wage growth in the accounting profession and the key measurement of the CPA pipeline: the number of first-time CPA Exam takers. The team was awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,600.

The team of Dr. Charles Thomas, Jr., PhD, CMA, CGMA, CPA, Judd Leach, J.D., and Laura Gordey, J.D., of Tarleton State University (Stephenville, TX), received a grant in the amount of \$13,800. Their proposal, titled *"How industry and academic trends have affected candidates graduating from small accounting programs and how those effects have impacted the CPA pipeline,"* aims to focus on Texas CPA candidates over an 18-year span (2004 - 2022), while describing trends and other variations over time in candidate counts and Exam section pass rates, with an emphasis on how those trends impact candidates from small programs.

Established in 2011, the Accounting Education Research Grants Program is spearheaded by members of NASBA's <u>Education Committee</u>, under the leadership of Chair Nancy J. Corrigan, CPA. The program seeks to advance research on educational issues impacting certified public accountants (CPAs), the public accounting profession and state boards' charge to protect the public. Since the program's inception, over \$200,000 has been awarded in support of academic research nationwide.

The 2024 Call for Proposals is open August 8, 2023, through 11:59 p.m. CT on Friday, March 8, 2024. Postdoctoral researchers and professors seeking funding are encouraged to submit grant proposals for consideration prior to the deadline. The 2024 class of grant recipients will be announced in summer 2024.

For additional information (including a full program description, eligibility requirements, research topics and details on past recipients), <u>CLICK HERE</u>. For questions regarding the program, email: <u>grantproposal@nasba.org</u>.

About NASBA

Since 1908, the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) has served as a forum for the nation's Boards of Accountancy, which administer the Uniform CPA Examination, license more than 665,600 certified public accountants and regulate the practice of public accountancy in the United States.

NASBA's mission is to enhance the effectiveness and advance the common interests of the Boards of Accountancy in meeting their regulatory responsibilities. The Association promotes the exchange of information among accountancy boards, serving the needs of the 55 U.S. jurisdictions.

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