

Call for Doctoral Guest Reviewers

DEC's *Young Exceptional Children (YEC)* journal is continuing our tradition of supporting doctoral students with opportunities to serve as journal reviewers. This experience will prepare doctoral students to engage in meaningful and respectful reviews of submissions to YEC. Through mentorship from current YEC reviewers, doctoral Students will learn to critically evaluate manuscripts, write informative reviews for editors and authors, and make recommendations for publication. Each member of the doctoral student guest reviewer board must have a faculty mentor who commits to guiding the doctoral student's development as a reviewer. After successful review experiences, doctoral students will become regular guest reviewers for YEC.

Doctoral Guest Reviewers must:

- Be a current DEC member;
- Be a current doctoral student or doctoral candidate;
- Have a mentor reviewer*; and
- Attend any virtual meetings or trainings (approximately 2 per year).

*If you are a doctoral student interested in this opportunity and in need of a mentor, please request one in your cover letter. YEC will match you with a mentor from a different university.

Mentor Reviewer Responsibilities:

- Co-review YEC articles with doctoral students;
- Provide reviewing tips for doctoral students;
- Read and provide feedback on doctoral student reviews as needed; and
- Be current YEC reviewers and DEC members in good standing.

Students and Mentor Reviewers are encouraged to attend the YEC meeting at the DEC Annual Conference.

To apply, please submit the following:

- A *one-page cover letter* with the following information: (1) a brief statement indicating your interest to serve as a doctoral student guest reviewer; (2) your current status as a DEC member including your DEC/CEC number; (3) a brief description of relevant background and experiences as a professional in the field, including any experience reviewing articles or manuscripts; and (4) a brief description of your areas of research interest.
- A *note from your faculty advisor* indicating her/his support of your interest to serve as a doctoral guest reviewer and her/his commitment to mentor you in reviewing manuscripts. If you are in need of a mentor, please indicate this in your cover letter; a note from your faculty advisor indicating her/his support is still required.
- An updated *résumé* or *curriculum vitae*.

To receive full consideration, please submit your completed application packet on or before **December 1, 2017** via email to: **Jenna Weglarz-Ward**, Doctoral Guest Reviewer Coordinator at jenna.weglarz-ward@unlv.edu

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