ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

Distinguished Dissertation in Teacher Education Award

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Award Description

The Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) invites submissions for its annual **Distinguished Dissertation in Teacher Education (DDTE) Award**. This award is designed to encourage, recognize, and promote exemplary doctoral research that makes a significant contribution to the improvement of teacher education.

- The recipient will receive a monetary award supported by the ATE Leadership Foundation for Teacher Education.
- Special recognition is also extended to the professor who directed the dissertation.

Award History

Established in 1998 in honor of Robert A. Roth, ATE Past President (1983–84), this award commemorates Rob's legacy of advancing standards and assessment in teaching and learning during his service with the Michigan State Education Department.

Eligibility and Expectations

- The dissertation must focus on **teacher education**.
- Applicants do **not** need to be members of ATE.
- Research must have been **completed within the past two years** prior to submission.
- The award recipient is expected to:
  - **Register for and attend** the ATE Annual Meeting.
  - **Present** their dissertation research at the conference.
  - Provide **30 copies** of a summary of their dissertation (5–15 pages) for distribution at the Annual Meeting.

Nomination and Application Process

Submissions must include:

1. **Applicant Information**: Name, title, institution, mailing address (include summer address if different), phone number, and email.
2. **Letter of Support**: A letter from the dissertation director confirming completion of the doctoral degree prior to May 15 of the submission year.
3. **Dissertation Synopsis**:

- Maximum of **25 double-spaced pages** (not including abstract and references).
- Include a **1-page abstract**.
- All identifying details (names, places, institutions) should be removed to avoid reviewer bias.
- Must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.

4. Submit applicant information, support letter, and synopsis as **separate files** via email to the address below.

Review Process

The **Research Sub-Committee of the Educational Programs and Planning Committee** will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- Clarity in defining the problem or research question.
- Persuasive rationale for the investigation.
- Appropriateness of the research approach.
- Soundness of conclusions or interpretations in relation to data.
- Contribution of the study to the field of **teacher education**.

Timeline and Notification

- **Submission Deadline**: May 15th at 11:59 PM (EST)
- **Notification of Award**: Mid November

How to Apply

- **Submit application material through the awards submission linked below:**

  Awards Submission Form

Questions

Email inquiries to: **info@ate1.org**