



ATE | ASSOCIATION OF
TEACHER EDUCATORS

INQUIRY INITIATIVE

COLLABORATE • INQUIRE • IMPACT



LAUNCHES AT
ATE SUMMER
CONFERENCE
SEATTLE, WA
JULY 2026

RECLAIMING TEACHING *in an Era of Disruption*

A three-year collaborative inquiry to explore how educators can reclaim, redefine, and sustain the purpose of teaching amid rapid change and growing challenges.

FOCUS AREAS



1. Educator Identity and Purpose

Understanding who we are and why we teach.



2. Preparation and Program Redesign

Innovating clinical practice and teacher development.



3. Well-Being and Sustainability

Addressing burnout and supporting educator wellness.



4. Policy, Advocacy and Public Engagement

Shaping policy and advocating for equitable change.



5. Equity and Access

Advancing justice and access for all learners.



6. Clinical Practice and Field Experiences

Strengthening partnerships and real-world learning.



7. AI and the Future of Teaching

Exploring the role of AI in pedagogy and teacher education.



8. Global and Cross-Cultural Perspectives

Learning across borders to inform local practice.

A THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT



1. LAUNCH EXPERIENCE

Kick off at the ATE Summer Conference in Seattle (July 2026) with crew formation and inquiry design.



2. SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT

Ongoing virtual and/or hybrid crew meetings, structured check-ins, and iterative development of ideas and products.



3. SUMMER INQUIRY SUMMIT

A dedicated Inquiry Initiative Summit (separate from ATE conferences) for deeper collaboration and community building. Rotating host institutions.

WHAT YOU WILL DO



Engage in sustained inquiry



Develop professional contributions



Build meaningful connections



Strengthen your impact

WHO SHOULD APPLY?



- ✓ Teacher educators (higher ed & P-12)
- ✓ Researchers and graduate students
- ✓ Clinical supervisors and mentors
- ✓ Educational leaders and policy professionals
- ✓ Practitioners engaged in teacher development



GLOBAL & VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

A fully supported virtual strand ensures international participants and those unable to attend in person can engage fully in parallel crews and activities. Diverse voices. Shared purpose. Stronger impact.

APPLY NOW!

APPLICATIONS DUE
MAY 18, 2026

Apply online:
<https://forms.gle/8xQenohGutykgCGq9>



SCAN TO APPLY!

ATE membership is required for participation.
Not a member? You may join ATE upon acceptance.



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