



Call for Entries: 2018 AACTE Outstanding Dissertation Award

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About the Award

This award recognizes excellence in doctoral dissertation research (or its equivalent) that contributes to the knowledge base of educator preparation or of teaching and learning with implications for educator preparation. Overseen by AACTE's Committee on Research and Dissemination, the award includes a \$1,000 cash prize as well as recognition at AACTE's 70th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, March 1–3, 2018.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Individuals receiving a doctorate since January 1, 2016, may apply for this award. The primary selection criterion is quality of scholarship. In addition, the following criteria apply:

- The dissertation must make a significant original contribution to the knowledge about or practice of educator preparation and must address educator preparation issues, practices, or policies.
- The dissertation must be effectively organized, present a logically developed position, and provide evidence to support the conclusions drawn.
- An individual may submit only one entry each year.
- Authors need not be from AACTE member institutions.

Submission Requirements

All entries must be made through AACTE's [online submissions site](#). Attachments must include—

- A letter of support (not blinded) from the dissertation adviser explaining the importance of the dissertation's question, the appropriateness and completeness of the study's design, and the significance of the analyses and interpretations
- A *blinded* narrative summary file* that includes the dissertation's title and answers the following questions about the study:
 1. What conceptual, methodological, or research question did it address?
 2. What was the rationale for the study?
 3. What was the knowledge base for the study?
 4. What research methodology was employed?
 5. What were the findings? What is important, surprising, or particularly illuminating about the findings?
 6. What are the theoretical and/or practical implications of the findings?
 7. What were the strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of the study's design?
- An appendix consisting of a *blinded* copy of the dissertation's original abstract, table of contents, and references.

* As you construct your narrative, do not simply cut and paste together pieces from your dissertation. For the first round of judging, an applicant's dissertation is rated **SOLELY** upon the narrative summary submitted. It is, therefore, essential that this summary reflect clearly, concisely, and accurately the research of the full dissertation. **Narrative is not to exceed 10 double-spaced pages, exclusive of appendix pages; use 12-point font size and remove identifying marks to ensure blind review.** Questions? Contact Kristin McCabe at kmccabe@aacte.org