

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
2009 OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION AWARD APPLICATION**

This form, along with required documentation, must be submitted by the sponsoring department to the COE Dean's Office in Boca Raton no later than **January 15, 2009, 5:00 p.m.** to be eligible for the 2008 award. Please see Announcement, Submission Guidelines and Procedures posted on the college web site for required documentation (including 4 paper copies of the dissertation, 1 electronic copy in Word either on a disk or sent by attachment to kdemeo@fau.edu, the dissertation chair's letter describing how this dissertation is especially meritorious, and a letter of support from the sponsoring department).

Date of submission:

Name of Doctoral Graduate: _____

Email Address of Doctoral Graduate: _____

Telephone # of Doctoral Graduate: _____

Dissertation Committee Chair: _____

Dissertation Title: _____

Semester and Year of Graduation: _____

Department: _____

Doctoral Graduate Signature: _____

Dissertation Committee Chair Signature: _____

Department Chair Signature

Date

**Florida Atlantic University
College of Education 2008-09 Outstanding Dissertation Award**

ANNOUNCEMENT November 1, 2008

The College of Education (COE) annually makes an award to the best graduate dissertation in education. Dissertations must have been successfully defended at FAU within three semesters of the award's submission deadline and the dissertation chair must be from the COE in order to be considered.

Initial screening of the dissertation will be completed by departments that grant doctoral degrees. Each department in the college may select up to three dissertations to send forward.

Final selection of the winning dissertation will be made by a panel of judges who serve on the COE Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee.

Those wishing to have their dissertation considered are asked to submit an application package, including one electronic copy and four hard copies of the dissertation, to:

Outstanding Dissertation Award
Office of the Dean
College of Education
Boca Raton, FL
Attention: Kristy Demeo
kdemeo@fau.edu

By submitting an application for this award, the researcher agrees to abide by all guidelines and rules of the competition.

One prize will be awarded annually. The award will be presented by the College of Education at time and place to be determined.

The prize consists of:

- a) Presentation of a plaque at a college event; and
- b) Presentation of major findings as a Distinguished Paper at a college event.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Dissertation must have been successfully defended within three semesters prior to the competition deadline, i.e. defended in time for the December, August or May graduation preceding the January 15 deadline.
2. Submissions for the competition must be accompanied by a letter from the student's dissertation chair detailing the worthiness of the dissertation for this award and attesting to the accuracy of the content.
3. Dissertation must be in print and electronic form.
4. Submission package must be complete, containing 4 copies of the dissertation, the dissertation chair's letter of recommendation, a copy of the student's current curriculum vitae (5 page maximum), and an application form requesting consideration of the dissertation, signed by the student, the dissertation chair, and the department chair. The electronic copy of the dissertation is sent to: kdemeo@fau.edu. (Application form will be available on the COE website: www.coe.fau.edu).
5. The winner of this award agrees to accept the award in person and to present the study at a college event.
6. The dissertation(s) chosen by the department to send forward to the COE must include a letter from the department explaining why the dissertation is considered outstanding and worthy of the award. Each department will decide the process and criteria to be used to nominate dissertations for the award.

Competition Deadlines*:

The annual submission for the COE deadline is January 15th of each year. Finalists will be notified by February 20th, and the winner will be notified by March 1st of each year. The award will be presented at a college event, date will be posted on the college web site.

College of Education Outstanding Dissertation Award PROCEDURES

A standing committee to serve as a panel of judges will be established in the college. The purpose of the committee is to determine the winner of the College of Education Outstanding Dissertation Award. It will consist of up to eight faculty (one representative from each department). Each department will be invited to send a representative.

Departments will determine the process for selecting and rotating the representative. Department chairs are asked to send the name of their representative to the Associate Dean, Office for Academic and Student Services (OASS) by the start of fall semester if they intend to participate.

The Associate Dean (OASS) will communicate with chairs and faculty in order to facilitate the committee membership.

The Associate Dean will facilitate the collection and organization of student applications that are sent forward by departments, as well as maintain current information about the award on the college web site. The Associate Dean will work with the committee and assist with distribution of the applications to readers.

The COE Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee will convene in January, meeting immediately after the January 15 deadline. The committee will set a plan to meet the established deadlines. Each year the committee will review the applications and make a judgment as to which one they consider to be the most outstanding. The committee will write a letter to the Associate Dean (OASS) and reveal the dissertation selected for the award.

The Associate Dean will be responsible for contacting the applicants and notifying them of the committee's decision.