

**Florida Atlantic University**  
***College of Education 2026 Outstanding Dissertation Award***  
**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
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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 faculty judges who serve on the COE Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee.

Those wishing to have their dissertation considered are asked to submit an electronic application package to the dean's office: the application, the dissertation, and the dissertation chair's letter of recommendation. All documents must be in Word or PDF. Send to: Josephine Elliott (jelliott@fau.edu).

By submitting an application for this award, the researcher agrees to abide by all guidelines and rules of the competition. They must agree to present their research at the Student Achievement Council's symposium and attend the COE spring honors ceremony.

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

The prize consists of:

- a) Recognition at the College of Education's spring honors ceremony following graduation;
- b) An honorarium of \$500; and
- c) The opportunity to present their major findings as a Distinguished Paper at the College of Education Student Achievement Council's (SAC) annual spring college wide research symposium.