

College of Education 2026 Outstanding Dissertation Award
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Call for Submissions November 1, 2025

Applications are due to the dean's office, Friday January 23, 2026, no later than 5:00 p.m.

1. The 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 fourth Friday in January submission 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, describing how this dissertation is especially meritorious and attesting to the accuracy of the content.
3. Dissertation and supporting material are to be submitted in electronic form.

Please send the electronic copy of all documents (in Word or PDF) to: Josephine Elliott (jelliott@fau.edu).

The application form will be available on the COE website: www.coe.fau.edu.

4. To be considered, the submission package must be complete, including:
 - the application form signed by the student, the dissertation chair, and the department chair,
 - the dissertation, and
 - the dissertation chair's letter of recommendation,
5. The winner of this award agrees to accept the award in person (or virtual if we do not meet face to face) and to present their study at the College of Education Student Achievement Council's (SAC) annual spring research symposium.
6. 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 the fourth Friday in January. Finalists and the winner will be notified of the decision by March 1st of each year. The award will be presented at a spring college event to be announced on the college web site.