

**Fourth Annual**  
**School Improvement Dissertation of the Year Award**

**Call for Nominations**

Each year, the School Improvement program selects a Dissertation of the Year Award. The author of the winning dissertation is recognized at the annual College of Education Awards Assembly, receives an award plaque, and is highlighted on our website.

Eligible dissertations must have been successfully defended by February 1, 2018. Students who have graduated or are on track to graduate are eligible.

**Nomination Deadline:**

February 1, 2018

**Nomination Requirements:**

- Summary of the dissertation with the author's name removed. This summary should not exceed 10 typed, double spaced pages and should include purpose statement, rationale, research question(s), method, results, and relevance to school improvement. Title page, abstract page, and references should also be included but do not count towards the 10 page limit. **Submissions over 10 pages will not be reviewed.**
- Letter of support from the dissertation chair.

**Nomination Ratings:**

Summaries will be rated on:

1. Clarity of research questions
2. Adequate population and sample
3. Appropriate methodological approach
4. Presentation of results
5. Relevance to school improvement research or practice
6. Overall clarity of proposal (grammar, APA, etc.)

**Nomination Submission Instructions:**

Documents can be submitted online at the School Improvement [Dissertation of the Year Award 2018 submission site](#). Finalists may be asked to submit complete copies of the dissertation for review. Partial submissions will not be reviewed. Dissertation chairs or authors can submit materials.

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