

Innovation in Teacher Education Awards Guidelines

Teacher education institutions in the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators states may nominate education programs for the SRATE *Innovation in Teacher Education Award*. The program chosen for each state will receive recognition at the SRATE Annual Conference. Recipients will be expected to present their programs at the conference.

The *Innovation in Teacher Education Award* was established to recognize and honor outstanding teacher education programs that have developed innovative approaches to teacher preparation.

Awards will be given to innovative teacher education programs in areas such as (but not limited to):

- recruiting academically talented students;
- recruiting academically talented minority students;
- field experiences;
- collaboration with local schools, business and industry;
- applying teacher effectiveness and/ or school effectiveness research;
- teacher education curriculum;
- attracting qualified college graduates to education;
- faculty development; and/or
- mentoring programs.

Programs developed and administered by institutions of higher education and/or local education agencies that reflect a high degree of innovation will be considered. Programs must have clearly stated goals directed at the establishment of identifiable teacher behaviors. Applications must provide data to demonstrate that the goals were achieved after program implementation. In addition, the program should be based on theoretically sound principles, which can be adapted by other teacher education programs.

Application must include a description of the program and its ability to have a positive impact on teacher education (300-500 words). Supporting documents maybe included but will not be returned. Three (3) copies of the program application, with a cover sheet attached to each set of application materials should be sent to:

Dr. Susan Fernandez, Chair Awards Committee

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Applications must be postmarked no later than **September 1st**. Selections will be made by a panel of three reviewers appointed by the SRATE Awards Committee.