



**Call for Nominations for the James E. Alatis Prize  
for Research on Language Policy and Planning in Educational Contexts.**

TIRF – The International Research Foundation for English Language Education – has established the James E. Alatis Prize for Research in Language Policy and Planning in Educational Contexts in 2015 to honor the contributions TIRF Trustee Emeritus James E. Alatis made to the field as an outstanding educator and leader.

A prize of \$500 will be awarded annually beginning in 2016 for an article or chapter published in English and dealing with some aspect of language policy or planning in educational contexts. Submissions may be articles published in scholarly peer-reviewed journals or peer reviewed chapters in edited books.

For the 2016 prize, we invite nominations of the author(s) of a particularly outstanding article or chapter that was published during calendar year 2014 or 2015. Authors may also self-nominate.

Submissions will be reviewed based upon the quality of the work and its potential impact on the field of language policy and planning in educational contexts. The research may be country- and language-specific or country- and language-general. Reviewers will consider the degree of sophistication or innovation of the methodology used as well as the paper's implications for policy formation and/or change. Each study will be assessed for the salience of the research question(s) asked, the appropriateness and rigor of the research methods used, and the significance of its contribution to knowledge within the field of language policy or planning in educational contexts. Studies using any appropriate quantitative, statistical procedures for data gathering and data analyses, qualitative/descriptive research approaches, or mixed approaches will be considered.

Nominations should be submitted not later than November 16, 2015 electronically through the TIRF website at <http://www.tirfonline.org/research-grants/doctoral-dissertation-grants/application-submission-area/>.

**Important Dates**

- June 12, 2015: Call for nominations is released
- November 16, 2015: Nomination deadline
- November 16, 2015 – January 25, 2016: Adjudication
  - November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Files distributed to reviewers
  - January 25<sup>th</sup> – Due date for reviewers
- Early February (February 8, 2016): Winner notified

**Nomination Procedures**

- The deadline for nominations is November 16, 2015.
- Include a cover page that provides:
  - Nominator's name, title, affiliation, contact information
  - Author's name, title, affiliation, contact information (if different from nominator)
  - Complete APA citation of the article
- Submit a PDF of the published article/chapter



**The International Research Foundation  
for English Language Education**

- All files uploaded to TIRF’s website must be submitted as PDFs.
- Nominations will be submitted electronically [via TIRF’s website](#) . If possible, only one file should be uploaded. No more than two files may be uploaded per nomination – one cover page and one article or chapter.
  - When uploading a file, be sure to select “James E. Alatis Prize” from the “Submission Type” drop-down menu.
- An author may be nominated only once per year. That is, an author can only have one paper in the competition per calendar year.
- Acknowledgement of the receipt of a nomination will be sent to the email address provided by the nominator (and author[s], if the entry is not a self-nomination) within three business days after the file is uploaded.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.
- In the case of co-authored papers, the \$500 prize will be sent to the lead author with the expectation of the monies being shared with the co-author(s).
- Write to [info@tirfonline.org](mailto:info@tirfonline.org) with any questions.