



TIRF James E. Alatis Prize for Research on Language Policy and Planning in Educational Contexts
Call for Nominations – 2018

Background

TIRF – The International Research Foundation for English Language Education – established the TIRF 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 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.

2018 Prize

For the 2018 prize, we invite nominations of outstanding articles or chapters that were published during calendar years of 2016 or 2017. TIRF will only consider publications nominated by someone other than the author(s) of the published work. Individuals may only nominate one article/chapter per competition year. An author may have only one article/chapter under review per competition year. TIRF Trustees are ineligible to be nominated for the Alatis Prize. Papers that have appeared in TIRF publications, for example, chapters in the TIRF-Routledge [*Global Research on Teaching and Learning English*](#) series, may not be nominated.

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 and/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 the paper's contribution to knowledge within the field of language policy or planning in educational contexts. Studies using any appropriate analyses – quantitative, statistical procedures for data gathering and data analyses, qualitative/descriptive research approaches, or mixed approaches – will be considered.

Specific nomination procedures are given below. Nominations should be submitted no later than August 31, 2017 electronically through TIRF's website at <https://www.tirfonline.org/research-grants/doctoral-dissertation-grants/application-submission-area/>.

Important Dates

- May 1, 2017: Call for nominations is released
- August 31, 2017: Nomination deadline
- December 1, 2017: Awardee notified
- TBD: Awardee will be recognized during 2018 TESOL Convention

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Nomination Procedures

- Nominators must include a cover page as a PDF document that provides:
 - Nominator's name, title, affiliation, and email address
 - Name(s) and title(s) of the author(s), affiliation(s), and email address(es)
 - A one- to two-paragraph statement regarding why the article/chapter deserves to receive the Alatis Prize (maximum 200 words)
 - Complete APA citation of the article/chapter
- Submit a PDF of the complete published article/chapter
- 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 "TIRF James E. Alatis Prize" from the "Submission Type" drop-down menu.
- Acknowledgement of the receipt of a nomination will be sent to the email address of the nominator within five businesses 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).
- The deadline for nominations is 11:59pm Pacific Time on August 31, 2017.
- Write to info@tirfonline.org with any questions.