



International Society for Performance Improvement

Distinguished Dissertation Award Call for Applications

The International Society for Performance Improvement is currently accepting applications for the 2008 Distinguished Dissertation Award. The Distinguish Dissertation Award is a Research Committee funded initiative aimed at honoring excellence in student research. Three tiers of reward (\$500 for first place, \$300 for second, and \$200 for third) will be available for doctoral dissertations completed within the past three years. Dissertations must be defended and approved by the student's committee prior to applying for the award, and may be applied for by students of any accredited university. Studies not conducted as part of dissertation research are not eligible for the award. Award recipients must agree to submit a manuscript for consideration in Performance Improvement Quarterly, and are also encouraged to consider submitting a proposal to present at the 2009 annual conference.

To apply for the award, please submit the following:

- A 2-page (maximum) cover letter introducing your research topic and describing its alignment with a) one or more of the Principles of Human Performance Technology (aka, ISPI's ten HPT Standards), and b) the utility of the study to HPT scholars and practitioners.
- A 350 word (maximum) abstract describing your study's background, purpose, research questions, importance, instrumentation, methods, findings and conclusions. Please do not submit a references list or bibliography, though any citations should be included within the text.
- Your current curriculum vitae.
- An emailed letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor addressing your study's rationale (why your topic merited investigation) and value (the applied and theoretical benefits of the study).

Deadline: ~~August 1, 2007~~ extended to August 31, 2007

Please submit completed applications to Doug Leigh, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education at Pepperdine University's Graduate School of Education & Psychology via email to dleigh@pepperdine.edu. Questions may also be directed to Dr. Leigh at: 310-568-2389 or via email.