

# ATA AWARDS

## **ATA/Deloitte and Touche Teaching Innovation Award**

Deloitte and Touche has generously agreed to provide funding for teaching innovation awards, which will be presented (if given) at each year's annual meeting in August.

Annual awards will be made in the following two categories:

1. Innovations in introductory tax courses (the first or second tax course in any undergraduate or graduate business curriculum).
2. Innovations in advanced tax courses (either required or elective courses for which an introductory tax course is a prerequisite and which are offered in any undergraduate or graduate business curriculum).

The primary objective of the award is to encourage creativity and experimentation with new and unusual ideas. Submissions could include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. A new framework or paradigm on which the organization of a course is based
2. The novel use of a learning technique or methodology
3. The use of original cases or other course materials designed by the instructor
4. An experiment in group learning or problem-solving
5. Integration of non-technical issues (ethics, communication skills, etc...) into the tax curriculum.

Only ATA members may make submissions. The deadline for submitting materials for the awards is January 15. The submissions will be blind-reviewed by the ATA/Deloitte and Touche Teaching Innovations Awards Committee.

Specific information concerning the submission process will appear in the Fall *ATA Newsletter*. The innovation must have been used in a tax course that the person submitting has taught or is currently teaching. For courses in which the subject matter is not primarily taxation, innovations that relate to tax modules or components are eligible if the tax portion represents at least one-third of the course content.

Award winners will make a presentation about their innovations at a meeting of the ATA and must agree to the dissemination of their award-winning innovations to the ATA membership.

### **ATA/PricewaterhouseCoopers Dissertation Award**

The ATA in cooperation with PriceWaterhouseCoopers presents an annual award for the Outstanding Tax Dissertation at the annual ATA luncheon. The award recipient receives a plaque and a \$5,000 cash award.

Solicitation for nominations is announced the Fall ATA and AAA newsletters. To be eligible, the following requirements must be met:

1. The dissertation must have been completed during the calendar year preceding submission.
2. Qualified candidates must be members of the ATA.
3. The chairperson of the dissertation committee must write a letter to accompany the submission to certify that the candidate has met all of the requirements for submission.
4. Candidates must submit a summary of the dissertation that does not exceed 25 pages (including all tables, graphs, charts, appendices, and bibliography). The summary should describe the motivation, research design, analysis, and results in sufficient detail to allow a complete review.
5. Summaries must be submitted by February 28. Submission of the summary chapter of the dissertation is discouraged.

The ATA/Price Waterhouse Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee, consisting of the chair and seven members, is appointed annually by the President of ATA.

## **ATA Tax Manuscript Award**

The ATA presents an annual award for a significant contribution to the tax literature published during the prior three years. The announcement and presentation of the award are made at the annual ATA luncheon.

Solicitation for nominations is announced in the Fall *ATA Newsletter*. To be eligible the published article, chapter, or book must meet the following criteria:

1. In general, all areas of tax research and all topics are eligible for consideration. However, three exceptions exist. First, the manuscript cannot be research that formed the basis for a dissertation receiving the ATA/PW Dissertation Award. (Ineligibility does not apply to an article that represents an extension of original dissertation research, and as such is an independent piece of work.) Second, the manuscript cannot be authored or co-authored by a current member of the Manuscript Awards Committee. Third, the publication cannot be a previous ATA Manuscript Award winner.
2. Tax consideration should be of major, rather than minor or incidental, importance to the research. These considerations could be based on policy or planning factors, or could be analytical or descriptive in nature, but they should constitute the major thrust of the research.
3. The research questions should have important tax implications. Esoteric or trivial tax questions are not acceptable.
4. The article, chapter, or book as a whole should make a significant contribution to the discipline in topic or methodology, or both. The overall validity and usefulness of the results will be considered by the committee.
5. At least one author must be a current ATA member.
6. Manuscripts published in the three calendar years prior to the ATA luncheon are eligible for considerations.

The ATA manuscript Awards Committee shall consist of a chair and nine members who are appointed annually by the President of ATA.

The committee chair is responsible for establishing the committee schedule, author eligibility, and the procedure for determining the award winner.

## **ATA Outstanding Service Award**

The purpose of the ATA's Outstanding Service Award is to recognize an ATA member who has provided outstanding service to the ATA for an extended period of time. To be eligible, the person must have been an ATA member for at least 10 years when nominated. The person must have a record of distinguished service as an ATA committee member and served as a chair of at least one ATA committee. The nominee typically will have served as an officer or trustee, but such service is not required to be a recipient of this award.

The nomination must be made by an ATA member. The written nomination should include supporting documentation as to why the nominee deserves the award.

The award is a plaque, properly inscribed, given to one person. In the absence of qualified candidates, the award need not be given annually.

The following information, in addition to other appropriate information, should be used by the Awards Committee when evaluating a nominee:

1. Committee service records.
2. Evaluations provided by at least two chairpersons of committees on which the nominee has served. The evaluations may be solicited if necessary.
3. Evaluations provided by at least two ATA members who have served on at least one ATA committee chaired by the nominee. The evaluations may be solicited if necessary.

## **ATA SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

<b>Award Winner</b>	<b>Year</b>
D. Larry Crumbley, Texas A&M University	1994
Robert Rosen, Ernst & Young	1995
Albert R. Mitchell, James Madison University	1996
W. Eugene Seago, Virginia Tech University	1997
Richard D. Boley, University of North Texas	1998
Caroline D. Strobel, University of South Carolina	1999
Kenneth H. Heller, George Mason University	2000
Philip J. Harmelink, University of New Orleans	2001
Susan Nordhauser, University of Texas at San Antonio	2002
Richard Weber, Michigan State University	2003
John O. Everett, Virginia Commonwealth University	2003
Shirley Dennis-Escoffier, University of Miami	2004
Edward Schnee, University of Alabama	2004
Sandra Kramer, University of Florida	2005

## **Ray M. Sommerfeld Outstanding Tax Educator Award**

The purpose of the Outstanding Tax Educator Award is to recognize, honor, and reward outstanding contributions by a faculty member teaching taxation at a recognized academic institution. The award is named after Professor Ray M. Sommerfeld, the first recipient of the award, who earned a reputation as a pioneer of tax education and provided a lifetime of service to students, colleagues, and the taxation profession.

The selection criteria are intentionally broad to allow the Awards Committee to consider the relevant contributions by the nominees in determining a worthy recipient. The types of contributions considered worthy of the award should include, but are not limited to, curriculum or program development including related research and/or superior teaching, participation in student activities, service to an academic institution, participation in professional activities, and activities which further taxation as an academic field of study and research.

Eligible individuals should be currently active in their profession. However, in rare instances, an individual who has retired from active academic service may be considered for the award. In the absence of qualified nominees for the award, the Awards Committee may choose not to present the award during a particular year.

The chair of the ATA Awards Committee should seek annual nominations for the award. Nominators should submit appropriate documentation, such as complete resumes, and letters of recommendation from students, colleagues, and/or practitioners.

Prior recipients of the award are ineligible.

### **RAY SOMMERFELD AWARD RECIPIENTS**

<b>Award Winner</b>	<b>Year</b>
Ray M. Sommerfeld, University of Texas at Austin	1993
Donald H. Skadden, University of Michigan	1994
G. Fred Streuling, Brigham Young University	1995
N. Allen Ford, University of Kansas	1996
Jane O. Burns, Texas Tech University	1997
No award made	1998
James E. Wheeler, University of Michigan	1999
Sally M. Jones, University of Virginia	2000
John L. Kramer, University of Florida	2001
Anna Fowler, University of Texas	2002
Sylvia Madeo, University of Georgia	2003
Edmond Outslay, Michigan State University	2004
Terry Shevlin, University of Washington	2005