

NDLTD Innovation & Leadership ETD Awards Program - Call for Nominations



The Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations ([NDLTD](#)) consortium is pleased to announce the 2008 ETD Awards program. We invite all NDLTD members to nominate individuals they feel deserve the recognition! The awards include several categories of appreciation.

- ***The Innovative ETD Award*** recognizes student efforts to transform the genre of the print dissertation through the use of innovative software to create multimedia ETDs.
- ***The Innovative Learning through ETDs Award*** recognizes a student whose professional life has been enhanced by the ETD process.
- ***The ETD Leadership Award*** recognizes members of the university community whose leadership and vision has helped raise awareness of the benefits of ETDs and whose efforts have improved graduate education and research through the use of ETDs.

The awards will be presented at the [ETD 2008 Symposium](#), to be held June 4 - 7, 2008 at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland.

This program has been established with financial support from [Adobe Systems Inc.](#)

Eligibility, Nomination Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

- Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of ETD experts, including members of the NDLTD Board of Directors Awards Committee. Active members or employees of the NDLTD Awards Committee and Adobe Systems Inc. are not eligible for nomination. Awards will be presented at the annual ETD International Symposium.
- Winners are encouraged but not required to attend the ETD Symposium. We request that winners who cannot attend the Symposium record a video acceptance message (approximately 2 - 3 minutes) that can be presented at the Symposium Awards ceremony and distributed online, or provide an acceptance message in writing (500 words or less).
- Nomination letters should include:
 - A brief description (1,000 words or less) of background information, detail of the merits of the work and justification for nomination.
 - Additional letters of support (i.e. from faculty, administration, students, Library or Graduate School Dean, Provost, etc.).
 - Complete contact information for both the nominator and nominee, including home and/or University postal and email addresses.
- Examples of previous award winners, links to multimedia ETDs and acceptance speech videos are available at <http://www.ndltd.org/awards/index.en.html>.
- Nominations must be sent by email to ETD Awards Committee Chair John Hagen (West Virginia University) at John.Hagen@mail.wvu.edu.
- **Deadline for Nominations: March 1, 2008**

Specific Awards Category Information and Requirements

Innovative ETD Award

ETDs submitted for this award must represent student efforts to transform the genre of the print dissertation through the use of ETDs. This award recognizes innovative use of software to create "cutting edge" ETDs. The application and integration of renderings, photos, data sets, software code and other multimedia objects that are included in the document will be considered as part of the innovation of the work.

- An ETD can be nominated by an administrator, faculty member, librarian or student (self-nomination). The nominator and the nominee's University should be affiliated with the NDLTD.
- Each NDLTD member may submit up to 2 nominees; self-nominations are not included in the institutional count.
- The nomination for these awards should include links to the archived work, along with a brief statement about how the work uses technology to enhance the presentation of research.
- ETD nominations may be in PDF and/or open (non-PDF) formats. Submissions of PDF formats should include hyper-linking and/or the source URL to any included supplementary multimedia material.
- The ETD must be distributed online as open access.
- The ETD should have been approved for graduation during the 2007 calendar year (January through December 2007), although we will consider nominations from previous years as well.
- There may be up to six winners.
- Each winner will receive \$800.*

Innovative Learning through ETDs Award

A student whose professional life has been enhanced by the ETD process (not to include the value of the degree earned) will be recognized.

- Self-nomination is appropriate for this award.
- Nominees for this award may also be simultaneously nominated for the Innovative ETD award.
- The nomination for this award should include a short essay (1,000 words or less) describing the student's ETD experience and how it improved/changed their graduate experience and their professional life.
- The ETD may still be in-process or already completed at the time of nomination.
- There is no time limit on when the ETD may have been completed.
- There may be up to two winners.
- Each winner will receive \$500.*

ETD Leadership Award

This is open to members of the university community whose leadership and vision has helped raise awareness of the benefits of ETDs and whose efforts have improved graduate education through the use of ETDs. Letters of nomination should include details about the individual's ETD related activities and how the nominee's leadership has made significant advances in the area of ETDs at the local, regional, national or international levels.

- Nominations should be submitted by the nominee's supervisor or related University administrator.
- The nominee's institution must be affiliated as an NDLTD member university.
- There may be up to two winners.
- Each winner will receive \$1,000.*

*I.R.S regulations require the NDLTD to report all award amounts distributed; citizens of the United States must provide a valid Social Security number to receive award distributions. Winners must agree to the conditions set forth in the eligibility requirements listed here and NDLTD policy. Winners must also agree to make acceptance / acknowledgments materials available to the NDLTD and Adobe Systems Inc. for the purpose of international promotions.

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http://www2.rgu.ac.uk/library_edocs/etd08/home.htm