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*Announces
the twenty-seventh annual
competition for outstanding
doctoral dissertations
in government finance
and taxation.*

PURPOSE

The NTA Awards Program is designed to encourage and promote scholarly research concerning the major issues and critical problems in government finance and taxation. The awards are decided by an independent committee of scholars from the academic community.

AWARDS

The NTA Doctoral Dissertation Award is given for an outstanding dissertation dealing with the financing of government. The author of the winning entry receives \$2,000 and the opportunity to publish a paper based on the dissertation in the National Tax Journal. Two honorable mentions of \$1,000 each may be awarded for other outstanding entries, with summary publication in the Association's Annual Conference Proceedings.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Dissertations are evaluated on the basis of:

- Originality
- Innovations with respect to techniques for analyzing public finance issues
- Application and significance of the analysis for scholars and practitioners of government finance
- Clarity of exposition

ELIGIBILITY

All graduate students at accredited U.S. and Canadian institutions are eligible as well as individuals who receive their degrees after July 1, 1996. Participation is restricted to those whose dissertation has been officially accepted by the filing deadline. Any topic relating to the general area of government finance is acceptable. This includes the areas of taxation, expenditures, budget policy, debt management, and fiscal policy. It also encompasses a variety of approaches, theoretical or empirical positive or normative, and idealistic or practical. While the competition is open to scholars in all disciplines, students of economics, accounting, public administration, public policy, and law are particularly encouraged to apply.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

A copy of the doctoral dissertation, an abstract, and completed applications must be submitted by June 1, 1997 to Professor William H. Oakland (address below).

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Entries will be judged by a panel of experts chaired by Professor Oakland. Awards will be announced September 15, 1997.

Additional information and entry applications may be obtained from professor William H. Oakland, Department of Economics, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118.

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