



Lee Mills Award 2017

Lee Mills was an exemplary educator from NSW with a particular interest in teacher education for those involved in Special Education. She was untiring and dedicated in her support of students with special educational needs. Lee was involved in advocacy and lobbying through AASE, which resulted in significant improvements in service delivery for all students. She was a foundation member of AASE, a State President and an inspiring active Branch, Chapter and National Committee member until her death in 1990. Lee was also instrumental in the establishment and administration of the Australian Disability Achievement Foundation.

The Lee Mills Teacher Training Award is given yearly with the express purpose of encouraging research based practice by individuals undertaking study to pursue a career directly related to the education of students with special education needs. It is open to students in ALL states of Australia.

Applicants who meet the criteria should submit a copy of an original paper, which is directly relevant to the field of special education. Possible papers could include literature reviews, research reports, position papers, program evaluations or critical analysis of curriculum. The topic of papers submitted should be of interest to teachers, and be relevant to teachers working with students with special education needs in inclusive and/or segregated settings. Recommended practices described or reviewed in the paper should have a sound research base. **Papers that have a direct practical application to teaching are preferred.** Papers should be written with appropriate standards of expression, spelling and grammar.

Submitted papers will be reviewed by the NSW Chapter. Chapter's decision is final. The successful applicant(s) will be presented with the award at the Annual General Meeting of the NSW Chapter of AASE Inc. in the second half of 2018.

Award: \$500 and consideration for publication in Special Education Perspectives or the Australasian Journal of Special Education (AJSE). Additional encouragement awards may be given.

Criteria: Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in an Australian University (in any state) or have had their award conferred in the last twelve months from an Australian University.

- Be undertaking or have completed a post graduate degree in special education, education or other discipline or be undertaking an undergraduate program which includes research in the area of special education.
- Be the sole or principal author of the paper. Major advisor or other persons may be co-authors.
- Papers may have been published or submitted for review.

Presentation of the work must be in accordance with the publication guidelines for *Special Education Perspectives* and the *Australasian Journal of Special Education* (AJSE), that is in accordance with the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition).

To apply

Papers should be submitted electronically. Forward the original paper as an email attachment. Please submit as a Word document, so your paper can be de-identified for review. Electronic copies should be emailed with “Lee Mills Award” as the subject to jennifer.stephenson@mq.edu.au.

Your personal details and/or name should not appear anywhere on the paper itself, apart from the title page. This will ensure blind review of your paper.

In your covering email provide details of your name, contact address, course of study, current enrolment or date when your award was conferred and University and the name of your paper. Include a statement that tells us whether or not the paper has been, or will be submitted to a journal other than *AJSE* or *Special Education Perspectives*.

The closing date for applications for the 2017 Lee Mills Award HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 30TH APRIL, 2018

Applicants will be notified of the outcome prior to the AASE NSW Annual General Meeting in the second half of 2018.