

**Bottoms Award Rubric
Spring 2025**

Reviewer Name:

Applicant Name:

Date:

Reviewer Number	Applicant Number	Date		
Criteria	Performance Levels			Feedback
	Ineffective	Proficient	With Distinction	
Letter of Interest Highlighting Five Award Components	Candidate’s written articulation includes an unclear alignment to the award components and/or aligns to less than 3 of the components	Candidate’s written articulation includes a clear alignment to 3 or more of the award components	Candidate’s written articulation meets the criteria in proficient additionally includes an explicit articulation of how the project will continue beyond the dissertation defense	
Action Research Dissertation	Candidate’s paper summarizes an unfocused range of literature and includes few or no relevant citations to literature focused on school or district reform	Candidate provides a coherent and comprehensive review of the literature and includes numerous relevant citations to literature focused on school or district reform	Candidate meets criteria in proficient and reviews and applies relevant research (both current and historical) from multiple sources to the study	
Statement Connecting Logic Model and Bold Goals to Implementation and Post-Study Steps	Candidate’s connection between the logic model and bold goals to implementation and post-study steps is unclear and/or lacking necessary components	Candidate’s connection between the logic model and bold goals to implementation and post-study steps provides clarity of purpose	Candidate’s connection between the logic model and bold goals to implementation and post-study steps meets the criteria for proficient and includes an explicit plan to expand and disseminate the work	C

			beyond the dissertation study	
Spending Plan	Candidate's spending plan lacks clarity on how the award will be utilized to further the work highlighted in the proposal	Candidate's spending plan offers a clarity of focus on how the award will be utilized to further the work highlighted in the proposal	Candidate's spending plan meets the criteria for proficient and additionally expands on the scope of the study through post-study components	

Comments: