

**Request for Applications for
Division H, AERA Graduate Student Junior Representative
Deadline for Applications: **January 22, 2016** (11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time)**

The *American Educational Research Association* (AERA) supports graduate students in various ways through its *Graduate Student Council*. Each year, each division within AERA nominates a graduate student to serve on the *Council*. *Division H—Research, Evaluation, and Assessment in Schools*, is now soliciting nominations (self-nominations are permitted) for this position.

This involves a 2-year commitment (2016-2017 as Junior Representative and 2017-2018 as Senior Representative) and attendance at three AERA annual conferences in April (2016 as incoming Junior Rep, 2017 as Junior Rep and 2018 as Senior Rep).

At the April, 2016 convention the selected graduate student will serve as the Junior Graduate Student Representative Elect. At the conference you observe the duties and activities of the current Senior and Junior Representatives so that you'll be able to take over as Junior Representative for the May 2016 to April 2017 year. As Junior Representative you will assist the Senior Representative in carrying out designated responsibilities (these are described below). After the conference in April 2017, the Junior Representative becomes the Senior Representative for the 2017-2018 term.

Each Division of AERA provides the current Junior and Senior Representatives with a stipend of \$700 to help defray the cost of attending the AERA annual meeting. In addition, each Senior Representative attends the AERA fall Coordinated Committee meeting with expenses paid.

To apply to be incoming Junior Representative, you must be a graduate student through April of 2018. If you are interested, please email the materials listed below to DivisionH.GraduateStudents@gmail.com.

- *A vita*
- *A background statement describing how you have been involved in Division H*
- *A short rationale for why you are interested in this opportunity.*
- *A letter of support from your advisor indicating that you will be able to attend three AERA conferences and will be available to undertake the other responsibilities of office*

We would like to make this appointment by February 15, 2016 so please forward your information by deadline indicated above.

Last year, we selected Elizabeth Adams, who attends North Carolina State University. She will become our Senior Graduate Student Council Representative following the AERA Annual Meeting in April 2016 and will continue in that role through the Annual Meeting in 2017. Oral B. Grant, who attends Howard University, is our current Senior Graduate Student Representative and will serve through the April 2016 conference.

Below, we have included further information about Division H and the *Graduate Student Council* to help clarify what this role entails.

Overview of Division H: Research, Evaluation, and Assessment in Schools

Many divisions within AERA are focused on a specific topic such as curriculum or history. Division H is different. Our focus is not on a specific topic but the broad range of work done by educational researchers in applied PreK-12 settings. Program evaluations, student assessment programs, school reform, institutional research, and work published for use in PreK-12 systems constitutes much of our members' work. Our members come from a wide range of organizations—school districts, state and federal education agencies, institutions of higher education, test publishers, and various research and development groups such as WestEd, Westat, RAND, and Association for Institutional Research (AIR).

For more information about Division H, consult our web site: <http://bit.ly/DivisionH>

Division H actively seeks the involvement of graduate students. Current activities for graduate students include:

Annual Meeting Events

- The annual Fireside Chat – a graduate student organized session which provides an opportunity to learn from the experiences of researchers from a variety of backgrounds.
- A new invited graduate poster session providing an excellent opportunity for graduate students to share their work.
- The *Coffee Mentoring Program* which pairs graduate students for a coffee-date with a mentoring member of Division H.
- An *Orientation* session for graduate students during the first day of the annual meeting which includes a description of Division H, the annual conference, and various mentoring and grant opportunities for graduate students.
- A roundtable research forum for graduate students during our orientation session.
- A graduate student reception at the annual meeting to assist graduate students in meeting other professionals with similar research interests.

Opportunities and Awards

- Mentorship programs for final year graduate students and early-career professionals to work with an experienced researcher and visit the mentor's organizations.
- *Outstanding Dissertation Award* (one award of \$1000).
- A \$50 stipend for all graduate students belonging to Division H who present a paper at the annual meeting.

Senior and Junior Representative Responsibilities:

- Plan the *Orientation Session* and the *Fireside Chat* for each year's conference.
- Solicit and select on-going research from graduate students for the research roundtables at the *Orientation Session*. This research is solicited outside the regular submission process for the AERA annual meeting.
- Plan the graduate student poster sessions for the annual meeting. Submissions are outside the regular submissions process for the AERA annual meeting.
- Solicit mentors and mentees for the *Coffee Mentoring Program*.
- Attend GSC meetings at the AERA annual meeting; the Senior Representative also attends AERA's Coordinated Committee Meeting in October (all expenses covered).
- Write articles pertaining to responsibilities for Division H's email communications and/or newsletter.
- Maintain Division H's graduate student social media such as Facebook group, webpage, and new researcher's library.
- Conduct outreach to graduate students in colleges and universities.

If you have questions about the position, please feel free to contact the representatives, Oral B. Grant at oralgrant@gmail.com or Elizabeth Adams at beth.greive@gmail.com

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