

Council hopes that the education research community will reap both direct and indirect benefits.

We look forward to seeing the AERA Fellows Program contribute to the presence and advancement of education research as a field. We hope that all AERA members will benefit from the fellows' engagement in the Association and that the current

nomination process will yield an abundant group of excellent nominations. To our inaugural fellows who have already accepted—congratulations!

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Call for Nominations to AERA Fellow Status

Deadline November 7, 2008

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the new AERA Fellows Program. AERA is committed to excellence in research, and the Fellows Program is intended to recognize AERA members who have made sustained, outstanding contributions to education research that are nationally and internationally recognized. The Fellows Program seeks to be inclusive of the full range of scholars and scholarship in education research.

Nomination Process. Nominees for Fellow status must be AERA members. Fellow status typically will be awarded for a person's scientific or scholarly contributions, but it also may be awarded for exceptional contributions to the field through the development of research opportunities and settings. Candidates will normally be considered after at least 10–15 years of postdoctoral contribution, although exceptional candidates may be considered with fewer years of postdoctoral research.

Nominations must be made by an AERA member, and the nominator must supply the AERA Fellows Program Committee with the following documents:

- AERA Fellow Nomination Form
- A letter of nomination specifying why the candidate is judged to have made sustained, outstanding contributions
- The candidate's current curriculum vitae
- An additional letter of endorsement from an AERA member who has made outstanding contributions to education research and is familiar with the nominee's work

Either the nominator or the AERA member endorsing the nomination must be an AERA fellow. Self-nominations are accepted. However, in the case of self-nominations, two endorsement letters from AERA members, one of whom is an AERA fellow, must be supplied. A nomination or endorsement from a non-AERA fellow should be from an accomplished scholar with expertise germane to the nomination.

Although this is the first call for nominations, AERA has launched the program with an inaugural group of fellows consisting of AERA past presidents, scholars who have been selected to receive the AERA Distinguished Contributions to Research in Education Award, and fellows who have been inducted into other research organizations through 2006 based on criteria the same as, or equivalent to, that for the AERA Fellows Program. These organizations include the National Academy of Education, the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, the American Statistical Association, and relevant sections of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The nomination and endorsement letters may be of any length. However, reflective letters that show knowledge of the candidates' research accomplishments and the candidates' scholarly, research, or research-related contributions are strongly encouraged and likely to be more compelling to the AERA Fellows Program Committee.

Selection Process. All nomination materials will be treated as confidential by the AERA Fellows Program Committee. Nominations are reviewed by the committee once a year. AERA Council will subsequently review and approve the list of individuals recommended for Fellow status by the Fellows Program Committee. Individuals selected to receive the distinction of Fellow will be notified by the Fellows Program Committee and invited to participate in a ceremony at the AERA Annual Meeting that will recognize their significant contributions to the field. It is anticipated that fellows will contribute to the continued advancement of the field through research, leadership roles, and mentoring of new scholars.

If a nominee is to be considered for induction in 2009, all nomination materials must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008. The Fellow Nomination Form is available on the AERA website at <http://www.aera.net/>. The packet of materials must be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: fellows@aera.net.

Questions. Questions regarding the Fellows Program should be directed to fellows@aera.net.