



International Reading Association

READING/LITERACY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Guidelines for 2010 Award Year

Each year the International Reading Association awards a Reading/Literacy Research Fellowship of US\$5,000 to a researcher outside the United States or Canada who has exhibited exceptional promise in reading/literacy research. The fellowship is awarded to an applicant who documents research activity completed in the past and presents an exemplary proposal for a new research project.

Eligibility

To be eligible,

- Applicant must be a member of the international community and residing outside of United States and Canada at the time of the application. (Research completed at United States or a Canadian institution does not qualify).
- Applicant must be a member of the International Reading Association.
- Applicant must have received the doctorate or its equivalent within the past five years.
- **Proposal must be written in English and submitted by **November 1, 2009; 6:00 PM PST**.** Electronic submissions are required. If this presents a hardship, please contact Marcella Moore at research@reading.org.

How to Apply

- Complete and submit your proposal online using a web-based grant management system (Nimble Net) from the IRA website http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/research_fellowship.aspx.
- **DO NOT** include the applicant's name, institutional affiliation, or any other personal information that will identify as the applicant on any part of the proposal other than the Profile page. The grant competitions will be conducted as a blind review.
- Do not exceed maximum character requirement. Spaces and punctuation are included in the total count.
- Complete all editing before submitting your proposal. You will not be able to edit your proposal after you submit it.

Creating a Profile. Applicants must create a profile by providing the following information in the system. If you are a returning user, you should view or edit your profile to make sure it's current.

- User name and password
- First and last name
- Mailing address
- Phone number and e-mail address
- Institutional affiliation and position/title
- IRA member number (located on the mailing label of all your IRA publications or you can contact customer service at (302) 731-1600 or e-mail at customerservice@reading.org).

- Eligibility profile (to determine your eligibility for the available IRA grant programs). Check only questions apply to you.
 1. Are you undertaking a research dissemination project?
 2. Are you a graduate student?
 3. Do you have at least three years of preK-12 teaching experience?
 4. Have you received a doctorate degree or its equivalent within the past five years?
 5. Do you work outside of the US and Canada?
 6. Are you a preK-12 Teacher?
 7. Are you undertaking a teacher-initiated research project?

Application Data

- Short title
- Short summary (2-3 sentences on purpose, method, significance)
- Requested amount (\$5,000 in U.S. dollars)
- What research methods will be used? (correlational, descriptive research, ethnography, experimental/quasi-experimental, historical, literature review, meta-analysis/quantitative research synthesis, naturalistic/case study, single, subject survey, time series analysis, other)
- What grade/age levels will your research cover?

Project Description

- Full project title (150 characters maximum)
- Abstract- Describe the purpose, method, and potential significance of the proposed research (700 characters maximum).
- Proposed support start date (mm/dd/yyyy)
- Proposed support end date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Research Description. The description of the proposed research should be as specific as possible and follow the type of outline used for typical dissertation or sponsored research proposal.

1. Previous research - Describe the reading/literacy research you have completed up to the present time. This may include your doctoral dissertation and/or master's thesis. Where appropriate, elaborate about how your previous work leads into your proposed study (4000 characters maximum).
2. Rationale and purpose - Identify the rationale and purpose of the research. The research design, techniques for data collection, data analysis, framework or perspective, and procedures. (4000 characters maximum).
3. Practical and Theoretical Implications for the Field - Who will benefit from the proposed research, and how? (4000 characters maximum)
4. Significance to the Home Country (4000 characters maximum)
5. Timeline - Give a detailed timeline of activities involved in this research (1000 characters maximum)

Sponsor Contact Information. Provide contact information for the school official or professional at your home institution who is familiar with the research summarized and will sponsor this application.

Sponsorship Statement. Attach a letter from a sponsor who can provide (1) a brief statement as to why the fellowship should be awarded to the applicant and (2) affirming the applicant to receive the fellowship for research completed outside the United States or Canada. The applicant's name should

NOT appear in the letter. *Accepted file types of letters are: doc, xls, pdf, zip, and rtf (4096 KB maximum).*

Review Your Application. Review and edit your proposal before you click on “Submit”. *You will not be able to update or edit your proposal after you submit it.* You will be informed if your application encountered any errors. You will receive an e-mail receipt confirmation of your recent submission for this grant competition. This completes your proposal.

Please refer any questions about your proposal or this grant to Marcella Moore at mmoore@reading.org. Application guidelines, list of frequently asked questions and a help button will be available after you log into the submission database.

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by members of the International Reading Association Studies and Research: Grants Subcommittee in combination with invited research reviewers. The chairperson will assign three reviewers to each proposal. Recommendations for funding will be made to the Association’s Board of Directors for final approval. Successful applicants will be eligible for funding upon approval of the project.

Proposal Review:

	<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Weight</u>
a.	Significance of Past Research	4
b.	Significance of the Research Question	4
c.	Adequacy of Proposed Methods and Data Treatment	5
d.	Significance to the Home Country	2
e.	Clarity and Specificity	5

Awards and Recognition

All applicants will be notified of the outcome in late February. The Reading/Literacy Research Fellowship will be awarded at IRA’s 55th Annual Convention in Chicago, IL, April 25-28, 2010. The award winner is encouraged to attend the conference to receive the award in person.

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