

Division C Graduate Student Research Excellence Award *Call for Nominations*

Division C of AERA invites current and recent graduate students to submit paper nominations for the 2010 *Division C Graduate Student Research Excellence Award*. Receiving this award is acknowledgement for conducting outstanding research, and represents the attainment of a very significant professional and personal milestone.

This award represents Division C's continuing efforts to promote and support the professional development of its graduate students and to recognize excellence in graduate research. The award winner will be recognized at the division's annual business meeting at the AERA conference in Denver, CO and will receive a stipend of \$500 and a commemorative plaque.



**Applications due
by Thursday,
March 31, 2010.**

Please forward any questions to Margaret Mohr-Schroeder (m.mohr@uky.edu) or Jana Bouwma-Gearhart (jana.bouwma-gearhart@uky.edu).

To be eligible for award nominations:

1. papers **must** be officially accepted by Division C for presentation at the 2010 AERA annual meeting in Denver, CO
2. research must have been conducted while nominees were graduate students in 2008 or 2009, and
3. the candidate must have been the primary researcher and, if a paper is co-authored, the candidate must be first author.



Division C Graduate Student Research Excellence Award *Guidelines*

To submit a paper for nomination, please assemble and submit the following materials electronically (only electronic submissions will be accepted).

SEPARATE COVER SHEET: A separate cover sheet that includes the paper's title, author's/authors' name (s), address(es), phone, and email, and the research advisor's/mentor's name, address, phone, and email.

PAPER: Include the presentation paper prepared for blind review, formatted in Word (1997-2003, or 2007) or Rich Text Format, following APA 5th Edition style guidelines. Papers must not be more than an absolute maximum of 35 pages, including text, references, tables, figures, and appendices. Papers exceeding the maximum page length will be disqualified.

RESEARCH ADVISOR/MENTOR LETTER: A brief letter from the research advisor/mentor acknowledging that the author was the primary researcher, and that the student's research was conducted in 2008 or 2009. (The academic advisor/mentor may send this letter separately by email or as a PDF attachment.)

AERA, DIVISION C ACCEPTANCE LETTER: An electronic copy of the AERA, Division C acceptance letter for the May 2010 annual meeting in Denver, CO.

Please send all electronic materials by email to the Division C Graduate Student Excellence Award (divcgsreaward@yahoo.com) with the header "Grad Student Award." **Deadline for nomination submissions is Thursday, March 31, 2010.**

The following criteria guide candidate selection:

- new knowledge contribution to the field,
- significance of the problem/question is well defined,
- well supported theoretical and/or practical importance of the research findings,
- originality,
- quality of the research design,
- innovative implications and directions for future research,
- adequate & relevant references,
- formatting adheres to APA style, 5th Edition,
- clarity of presentation, and
- overall future promise of the researcher.

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