

Call for Nominations: Division C Graduate Student Research Excellence Award

Nominations are now open for the 2009
Division C Graduate Student Research Excellence Award
SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JANURARY 16, 2009
(See below for details)

Division C of AERA invites current and recent graduate students to submit paper nominations for the 2009 *Division C Graduate Student Research Excellence Award*. This competition provides current or recent graduate students the challenging, yet rewarding task of presenting a clear, concise, journal-length rendering of their research in a compelling manner. 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 San Diego, CA, and will receive a stipend of \$500 and a commemorative plaque.

To be eligible for award nominations:

- 1) papers **must** be officially accepted by Division C for presentation at the 2009 AERA annual meeting in San Diego, CA,
- 2) research must have been conducted while nominees were graduate students in 2007 or 2008, and
- 3) the candidate must have been the primary researcher and, if a paper is co-authored, the candidate must be first author.

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.

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

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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 30 pages, including text, references, tables, figures, and appendices. Papers exceeding the maximum page length will be disqualified.
- 3) 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 2007 or 2008. (The academic advisor/mentor may send this letter separately by email or as a PDF attachment.)
- 4) AERA, DIVISION C ACCEPTANCE LETTER: An electronic copy of the AERA, Division C acceptance letter for the April 2009 annual meeting in San Diego, CA.

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 Friday, January 16, 2009.

Please forward any questions about the award or the nomination process to this year's chair, Rebecca McNall Krall (rlmcna2@coe.uky.edu), or vice-chair, Margaret Mohr (m.mohr@uky.edu).

We at Division C strongly encourage all potential contributors to participate!