

**Request for Applications for  
Division H, AERA Graduate Student Junior Representative  
Deadline for Applications: February 20, 2017 (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 encouraged) for this position.

This involves a 2-year commitment (2017-2018 as Junior Representative and 2018-2019 as Senior Representative) and attendance at three AERA annual conferences in April (2017 in San Antonio as incoming Junior Rep, 2018 in New York as Junior Rep and 2019 in Toronto as Senior Rep). The selected representative will receive:

- \$750 toward travel costs each year to attend the 2018 and 2019 conferences (\$1,500 total)
- A expense-free trip to Washington, D.C. in October 2018 to attend AERA's Coordinated Committee Meeting, which is a relatively small planning meeting for leaders within AERA

At the April 2017 conference the selected graduate student will serve as the Junior Graduate Student Representative-Elect. At the conference, you will 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 April 2017 to April 2018 years. As Junior Representative, you will assist the Senior Representative in carrying out designated responsibilities (these are described below). After the conference in April 2018, the Junior Representative becomes the Senior Representative for the 2018-2019 term.

To apply to be incoming Junior Representative, you must be a graduate student through April of 2019. If you are interested, please email the materials listed below to [DivisionH.GraduateStudents@gmail.com](mailto: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 2017 annual meeting so please forward your information by deadline indicated above.**

Last year, we selected Ross Anderson, who attends University of Oregon. He will become our Senior Graduate Student Council Representative following the AERA Annual Meeting in April 2017 and will continue in that role through the Annual Meeting in 2018. Elizabeth Adams, who attends the North Carolina State University, is our current Senior Graduate Student Representative and will serve through the April 2017 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.
- A small stipend for all graduate students belonging to Division H who present a paper at the annual conference.

The senior and junior representatives work together to plan and organize most of the above events at the AERA Annual Conferences.

**If you have questions about the position, please feel free to contact the representatives, Beth Adams at [elgreive@ncsu.edu](mailto:elgreive@ncsu.edu) or Ross Anderson at [rossa@uoregon.edu](mailto:rossa@uoregon.edu). Ross and Beth will conduct video interviews with the qualified candidates for this position prior to the April 2017 conference.**

Zollie Stevenson Jr., Vice President, AERA Division H

Vickie Cartwright, Vice President-Elect, AERA Division H

Elizabeth Adams, Division H Graduate Representative

Ross Anderson, Division H Graduate Representative