

**AERA-Sanctioned Award: *Excellence in Research to Practice Award***

Sponsor: SIG 100: Research Use

Year Award Established: 2010

Name of the Award: *Excellence in Research to Practice Award*

Description of the Award: This award shall be presented to any individual or group for exemplary performance moving research into the field of educational practice who meet the following criteria as approved by the SIG and Council: Evidence of scholarship and reach into practice as evidenced by practitioner acceptance and use.

Rationale for Establishing the Award: There are obvious gaps between research and practice in the field of education. Not only is there greater need for applying evidence based research in school policy and practice, but more attention needs to be given to the sustainability of any given program, policy, or research-based intervention over time. With high turnover in the profession, the effectiveness and sustainability of research-based practice should be on the forefront of the academy.

Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for the award, individuals must show evidence of scholarship that brings substantive attention to the degree to which research is applied, sustained in decision-making, practice, or school policy. Individuals must also be nominated before the closure date. A nomination should include a written statement supporting the merits of the individual's work. This statement should be no longer than 1,000 words and shall be delivered to the SIG 100 Chair.

Nomination Process and Timeline: Call for nominations will go out by February of each year via e-mail to all SIG 100 members. Nominations must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the AERA established awards deadline.

Composition of the Award Committee: The SIG 100 Executive Council will establish a SIG 100 Awards Committee consisting of the SIG Chair and at least 4 SIG members. This committee will weigh the merits of the nomination(s), and, if necessary, put the decision to a vote.

Process of Appointment of non-Executive Award Committee Members: The SIG 100 Awards Committee will put the final decision to a vote by the SIG Executive Council if the committee cannot reach a consensus.

Review/Selection Process and Timeline: Proposals will be reviewed by the SIG 100 Awards Committee prior to our annual Business Meeting. No member can participate in the review process if he/she has been nominated for that year. If a consensus cannot be reached, the decision will be voted upon by the SIG Executive Council prior to the Business Meeting. The award announcement will be made during the annual Business Meeting. This award shall be granted only when the circumstances warrant such action. It is possible that in some years no award will be granted.

Selection Criteria: The process for determining the individual or individuals deserving of the Excellence in Research to Practice Award is as follows: nominations will be sought at the annual meeting; the Awards Committee will weigh the merits of the nomination(s), and, if necessary, put the decision to a vote by the Executive Council.

Form of Recognition (Cash Award, Plaque, etc.): The form of recognition will be a plaque, and the announcement will be given during the Business Meeting.

Form of Announcement of Award Winner (Presentation at Business Meeting, Listserv Announcement, etc.): The announcement will be given during the Business Meeting.

Frequency of Conferral of the Award (Annual, Biennial, etc.): The Excellence in Research to Practice Award will be given annually, unless the quality of submissions does not meet the eligibility criteria as determined by the Award Committee.

Name of Existing AERA-Sanctioned Award(s) Conferred by the Unit: Currently, there are no existing AERA-Sanctioned Awards conferred by SIG 100: Research Use.

Contact Person for the Award (Name, Address, Phone, Email):

Please refer to the SIGRU  
Web site or contact the  
current chair of the SIG.