



IARSLCE Dissertation Award

Purpose

The IARSLCE Dissertation Award recognizes a dissertation that advances research on service-learning and/or community engagement through rigorous and innovative inquiry.

Criteria for Eligibility

Applicants can be from any academic discipline. They must have successfully defended their dissertation between June 1, 2006 and June 30, 2008.

Criteria for Evaluation

Applications will be evaluated based on the quality of the research summary and the strength of the dissertation advisor's letter of recommendation. Exemplary dissertations will address important questions, develop robust theoretical or conceptual frameworks, demonstrate the use of rigorous data collection and analysis, show compelling conclusions, and expand on the study's results to suggest important implications for theory/research on service-learning and/or community engagement.

Process for Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed by an award committee, comprised of at least two members of the IARSLCE Board of Directors and two members of IARSLCE. The committee will make a recommendation to the IARSLCE Board, and the Board will make the selection.

Submission Procedures

Applicants should submit the following materials electronically:

- One-page title sheet stating the applicant's name, mailing and e-mails addresses, phone number, institution name, program, name of advisor, and date of successfully defended dissertation.
- Summary statement of the dissertation. The summary must not exceed five single-spaced, typed pages and should address the following:
 1. Purpose/Problem
 2. Theoretical/Conceptual Framework
 3. Methods and Data Sources
 4. Results/Conclusions
 5. Significance of the study for theory/research or practice related to service-learning and/or community engagement.
- One letter of recommendation from the dissertation chair
- Nominee's resume or curriculum vitae

Deadline

Complete applications must be received by June 30, 2008. Please submit nomination to the Dissertation Research Award committee chair, Min Cho, at mcho@vcu.edu.

The award recipient will be notified in early August. The award recipient receives an invitation to make a presentation at the annual IARSLCE conference, a plaque (to be presented at the conference), and a monetary award in the form of complimentary IARSLCE conference registration and accommodation.