



International Association for Research on  
Service-learning and Community  
Engagement

## **IARSLCE Early Career Research Award**

### **Purpose**

The Early Career Research Award recognizes outstanding early career contributions to scholarly endeavors addressing service-learning and community engagement. It is designed to encourage research that systematically addresses the exploration and understanding of the field. For the purpose of this award, “research” is broadly defined to include all paradigms of scholarly endeavor, with particular emphasis on empirically-based research. The recipient is expected to give an address at the annual research conference that relates to his/her research the year after receiving the award.

### **Criteria For Eligibility**

This award is intended to recognize researchers who have distinguished records of research and scholarly contribution early in their careers. Individuals who have received a terminal degree in their discipline or profession within the past seven years are eligible to apply.

### **Criteria for Evaluation**

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominations:

1. Quantity and quality of research productivity.
2. Evidence of promising impact on research as indicated by (a) one or more seminal works, (b) total corpus of research or innovative research design, and (c) patterns of citation.
3. Impact on practitioners as measured by contributions to conferences or other training and dissemination activities.
4. Plans for continuation of high quality research that promises to make subsequent contributions to the field.

### **Process for Evaluation**

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

### **Submission Procedures**

Nominations for the award can be submitted by anyone, including self-nominations. Documentation to support the nomination should include an electronic submission of the following:

- a citation of approximately 100 words summarizing the nominee’s work
- a two-page cover letter from a senior scholar indicating the qualifications and achievements of the nominee
- a two-page statement by the nominee of current research accomplishments and future directions
- a current copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae

### **Deadline**

Complete applications must be received by June 13, 2008. Please submit nominations to the Early Career Research Award committee chair, Min Cho, at [mcho@vcu.edu](mailto:mcho@vcu.edu).

The award recipient will be notified in early July. 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.