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Association for the Development of Education in Africa
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Education Research in Africa Award (ERAA)

Call for Proposals: Accomplished Educational Researcher

The Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) and the African Development Institute (ADI/AfDB) call for proposals within the framework of the third and fourth editions of the Education Research in Africa Award (ERAA), in collaboration with the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAFEC).

Purpose

Recognizing the critical role of education in social and economic development, and acknowledging the importance of research in the formulation and implementation of educational policy and reforms, ADEA and ADI/AfDB have created the **ERAA**. This award is designed to promote excellence in educational research in African universities, research institutes and networks and also among Africans in institutions in other parts of the world. It seeks to identify, reward and foster outstanding accomplishments in educational research in Africa. More specifically, ERAA aims at:

- Strengthening the link between education research and education policy-making and practice in Africa;
- Encouraging and supporting Africa-based researchers and their institutions to produce and disseminate rigorous and relevant research that stimulates innovative policy-making for Africa;
- Facilitating interaction between researchers and policy-makers in order to promote the systematic use of research findings in policy conceptualization, formulation, design, implementation and evaluation.

The expected long-term outcome of this award is the institutionalization of a culture of high quality and relevant educational research in Africa that contributes to informed decision making, and effective implementation of reforms and practice.

Eligibility criteria

An African researcher based in Africa for at least three consecutive years at the time of the submission, and who has gained recognition among peers and/or the education community for his or her research production and impact on education can compete in this category¹.

Criteria for evaluating submissions

Research submissions addressing the following thematic areas will receive special consideration: Technical and Vocational Skills Development (TVSD), Early Childhood Development, ICTs, Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), Gender and Special Needs Education, Teacher Education and the Teaching Profession.

The following criteria will be used to assess the quality of entries and select the recipients:

- Has conducted outstanding and sustained research in education

¹ Awards will be granted in three other categories: emerging educational researcher, outstanding mentor of educational researchers, and enabling institutional environment for educational research.

- Has evidence of local and international (continental and worldwide) collaboration and networking
- Excellence of the body of work (originality, conceptual, theoretical, methodological and empirical rigor)
- Relevance and impact of body of work to education policy-making and practice in Africa.
- Evidence of engagement and recognition within a particular professional, scholarly or policy-making community.
- Modes and scope of dissemination of the body of work to the education research community and policy makers.

NB: The two submissions with the highest grades will be retained for the award. ADEA and ADI/AfDB reserve the right not to give out the award if no submission obtains the pass grade of 75%.

Content of application dossier

1. A completed application form (see p. 4 of this call)
2. A list of publications, including full references
3. Electronic copies of the two most significant publications, including a 2-3 page executive summary
4. Curriculum vitae not to exceed 10 single-spaced pages
5. Statement (not to exceed 3 single-spaced pages) summarizing the most significant research achievements
6. Two letters of support indicating the most significant achievements in terms of the influence or impact of the candidate's body of work in the area of education
7. Evidence of residence in Africa for three consecutive years at the time of submission.

Language of submission

Submissions are accepted in English or French.

Deadline for submitting application dossiers

Application dossiers must be submitted electronically no later than November, 16, 2014 at midnight GMT to the following address: eraa@afdb.org .

NB: Dossiers received after the above-mentioned deadline will not be considered. Also, any dossier that is incomplete or contains false information will be automatically rejected.

Composition of the award

The award is made up of monetary and in-kind components.

EDUCATION RESEARCH IN AFRICA AWARD (ERAA)

Accomplished Educational Researcher

APPLICATION FORM

1. Surname and first name(s): _____

2. Contact address: _____

3. Gender: Female Male

4. Current position: _____

5. Current institutional affiliation: _____

6. Nationality: _____

7. Country of residence: _____

8. Language proficiency (4 = functional native; 3 = advanced professional; 2 = general professional, 1 = limited):

	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English			
French			
Others:			

9. Main research areas/topics: _____

10. Membership of academic and/or professional organizations and networks related to education:

11. Engagement with educational bodies (e.g. boards, committees, etc.):

Signature

Date