Education Research in Africa Award (ERAA)

Call for Proposals: Outstanding Mentor of Educational Researchers

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 (based in Africa) who is an accomplished researcher, recognized for his or her contribution to strengthening research capacity through supporting the professional development of Africa-based educational researchers can compete in this category¹.

Criteria for evaluating submissions

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

- Track record of mentorship (number of mentees, especially from currently or previously disadvantaged groups, such as women, minorities or poor communities; length and continuity of engagement in mentoring; professional advancement of mentees; mentoring entry level professionals in the development of educational research skills, opportunities to publish, accessing financial resources and networking within professional organizations.)
- Scope of achievements in educational research, policy and practice at various levels in addition to mentoring researchers
- Recognition for his or her mentoring capabilities.

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%.

Nomination and application process

1. Nomination
   a. A group of mentees or colleagues may nominate a candidate by filling and sending the nomination form (see p. 4 of this call) to the following address: eraa@afdb.org.
   b. The Scientific Committee contacts nominee.
   c. If nominee accepts nomination, then he or she must submit a dossier that contains the following:
2. Nominee information form (see p. 5 of this call)
3. Curriculum vitae not to exceed 10 single-spaced pages
4. A statement, not to exceed 3 single-spaced pages, summarizing the most significant achievements as a mentor and educational researcher.
5. A sample of research outputs carried out in collaboration with mentees, including abstracts (maximum 3).

Language of nomination and submission

Nominations and submissions are accepted in English or French.

¹ Awards will be granted in three other categories: emerging educational researcher, accomplished educational researcher, and enabling institutional environment for educational research.
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.
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NOMINATION FORM

1. Surname and first name(s) of the applicant: __________________________________________

2. Gender: Female ☐ Male ☐

3. Current position: _______________________________________________________________

4. Current institutional affiliation: _________________________________________________

5. Nationality: ___________________________________________________________________

6. Country of residence: __________________________________________________________

7. Justification for nomination (not to exceed 200 words):

Name & address of leader of group nominating:

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Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
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NOMINEE INFORMATION FORM

1. Surname and first name(s): ______________________________________________________

2. Contact address: ______________________________________________________________

3. Gender: Female ☐ Male ☐

4. Year doctorate obtained:

5. Current position: ______________________________________________________________

6. Current institutional affiliation: ________________________________________________

7. Nationality: __________________________________________________________________

8. Country of residence: __________________________________________________________________

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

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10. Main research areas/topics: ______________________________________________________

11. Number of publications:
    - Refereed articles: ______
    - Book chapters: ______
    - Books: ______

12. Number of mentees during the past ten years:
    - Total: ______
    - Males: ______
    - Females: ______
    - Disadvantaged/disabled: ______
13. List and full contact information of the five most outstanding mentees:

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

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

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