Education Research in Africa Award (ERAA)

Call for Proposals: Enabling Institutional Environment for Educational Research

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

A public/non-profit African institution (center, institute, division, department, faculty, or unit) recognized for its leadership and ability to promote and sustain production and dissemination of quality and relevant research in education 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 recipient:

- Existence of an institutionalized support system (including policies and practices, mechanisms, incentives, opportunities for networking with stakeholders in education at national, sub-regional, regional and international levels, etc.) to promote and sustain engagement in educational research
- Presence of a committed, supportive and effective leadership team that maintains enabling environments for educational research even in the face of external and internal constraints
- Track record of attracting, retaining and promoting African researchers with focus on, or interest in education
- Research productivity in terms of publications and participation in conferences by staff and students.

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 process
   a. A group of individuals may nominate an institution by filling and sending the nomination form (see p. 4 of this call) to the following address: eraa@afdb.org. Upon receipt of the form, the Scientific Committee informs the nominated institution.
   b. Self-nominated institutions may submit their dossiers directly, following the instructions below.
   c. Competing institutions (including self-nominated ones) submit dossiers that contain the following:
2. A completed application form (see p. 5 of call)
3. A brief (not exceeding 10 single-spaced pages) covering as many of the following as possible, and any other relevant information, preferably organized around the evaluation criteria:
   a. Mission, vision and current strategic objectives
   b. Organizational structure to promote research (including quality control mechanism)

1 Awards will be granted in three other categories: emerging educational researcher, accomplished educational researcher, and outstanding mentor of educational researchers.
c. Institution’s educational research agenda  
d. Policies relating to the promotion of educational research and management of consultancy  
e. % of budget devoted to research and share of educational research  
f. Amount of educational research funding raised during the past 5 years  
g. Research facilities (library, computer labs, editorial support, seminars and publication series, etc.)  
h. Presence of research mentoring  
i. Collaborations and networking in education  
j. Governance and leadership structure, including mechanism for succession  
k. Biographical note on each member of the current leadership team (not exceeding one page), including qualifications, administrative experience, etc.  
l. Size of research staff with focus on or interest in education during the past 10 years or since the creation of the institution if younger than 10 years, proportion of Africans among them and average number of years of affiliation of the latter  
m. List of current research staff with focus on or interest in education, including their nationalities, gender, year of hiring, qualifications, and main research areas  
n. List of major education-related research projects conducted in the past 5 years, including the names of the researchers involved  
o. List of peer reviewed publications in education  
p. List of published education-related books and book chapters  
q. List of policy reports  
r. Participation of research staff in national, regional and international education-related conferences  
s. List of most significant educational research outputs/publications made possible by the institution during the past 10 years or since the creation of the institution if younger than 10 years  

4. Sample of most significant educational research outputs/publications (N=3) made possible by the institution, including 2-3 page executive summary of each  
5. Names and full contact information of three researchers (not currently affiliated with institution) able to provide reference on the institution.  

Language of nomination and submission  
Nominations and 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 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 in-kind components to support the institution.
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NOMINATION FORM

1. Name and contact address of the institution: _____________________________
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2. Legal status of the institution: _________________________________________

3. Country of location: ___________________________________________________

4. Head of the institution: ______________________________________________

5. Justification for nomination (200 words maximum):

   Name & address of leader of group nominating:

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   Signature ___________________________  Date ___________________________
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APPLICATION FORM

1. Name and address of the institution: ___________________________________
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2. Legal status of the institution: _________________________________________

3. Country of location: ________________________________________________

4. Head of the institution: ______________________________________________

5. Main research areas/topics: __________________________________________

6. Justification for candidacy (200 words maximum):

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