2017 CAERDA Student Paper Award
Call for Nominations

CAERDA invites current students to submit an application for the *2017 CAERDA Student Paper Award*. The purposes of this award are twofold: (1) to encourage students to submit a well written research paper and present it in a clear and concise manner at the CAERDA's conference; and (2) to recognize promising research across multiple research methodologies conducted by students.

Eligibility criteria: Student members who present at the 2017 CAERDA conference are eligible to apply for the award. However, only applicants who meet the following criteria will be considered for the award:

1. The research study represents the student's intellectual work.
2. The submitted paper must not be in press at the time of the submission nor have been published prior to the submission for the award.
3. The submitted paper must not exceed 30 double-spaced pages in 12-pt font size with 1-inch margin at all sides, including title page, tables, figures, and references.
4. The submitted paper may be written either in English (the Times New Roman font is preferred) or Chinese, and follow the APA style (6th ed.) or any other major publication style.
5. The applicant has a valid CAERDA student membership and has pre-registered for the conference at the time of nomination (by March 1, 2017).
6. The applicant's paper proposal has been accepted for presentation at the 2017 CAERDA conference. Applicant who is selected for the award but fails to present in person at the conference will lose his or her eligibility and the intended award will be revoked.

Additional eligibility consideration:
Previous award recipient is not eligible to re-apply for the award within 2 years of receipt. Example: If you were a Student Paper Presentation Award recipient in 2016, you are not eligible to apply in 2017 and 2018 for the same award. But you are eligible to apply for the award in 2019.

Awards: One award will be granted at the annual conference. An award in a specific category may not be granted if the evaluation criteria are not met. The award recipient will receive (1) a certificate of the student paper award, (2) recognition of the award paper at the conference, and (3) **$300 scholarship**. The award will be presented to the recipient at a plenary session at the conference.

Evaluation criteria: The awards committee will review your paper based on the following evaluation criteria:
1. clear paper title (without any identifying information for blind review purpose)
2. concise abstract
3. appropriate theoretical framework and/or literature review
4. clear research questions or hypotheses
5. well designed methodology or analytic plan relevant to the research questions

6. findings that explain or support how results are used to address specific educational problems
7. the potential impact on the practice of educational field
8. a list of references with seminal work
9. potential for publication in the professional journals
10. paper is well organized and follow APA 6th edition guidelines or major publication style
11. overall quality and innovation of the paper

Submission process:
1. Include a brief cover letter (no more than one page, single spaced) that:
    a) identifies the title of the paper;
    b) states the methodological area in which the research is being submitted for consideration;
    c) provides written assurances that the research was conceptualized and conducted by the applicant and has not been accepted for publication; and
    d) provides current contact information of the applicant (name, title, affiliation, address, telephone number, email address).
2. Include one electronic copy of the paper to be considered for the award. Please remove all identifying information from the paper for blind reviews.
3. The cover letter and the paper **must be** submitted as attachment (PDF file) to Dr. Show-Mei Lin (slin@tnstate.edu), Award Committee Chair by **March 1, 2017**.

Award details:
Award recipients will be notified by the award committee chair via email by March 27, 2017. Questions can be directed to: Dr. Show-Mei Lin slin@tnstate.edu.