

# 2012 CAERDA Distinguished Paper Award

## Call for Nominations

CAERDA invites nominations of application for the *2012 CAERDA Distinguished Paper Award*. The purposes of this award are twofold: (1) to encourage researchers to submit a high-quality research paper and present it in a clear, concise, and compelling manner at the CAERDA's conference; and (2) to recognize high-quality research across multiple research methodologies conducted by educators and researchers.

**Eligibility criteria:** Participants (with the exception of students) who present at the 2012 CAERDA conference are eligible to apply for the awards. However, only applicants who meet the following criteria will be considered for the awards:

- The research study represents the applicant's intellectual work. If with multiple authors, the applicant must demonstrate a major contribution (e.g., lead author) to the work.
- 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.
- The submitted paper must not exceed 30 double-spaced pages in 12-pt font size with 1-inch (2.54 centimeters) margin at all sides, including title page, tables, figures, and references.
- The submitted paper may be written either in English (the Times New Roman font is preferred) or Chinese, and follow the sixth edition guidelines of APA Publication Manual or any other major publication style.
- The applicant has a valid CAERDA membership and has pre-registered for the conference at the time of review of application (by February 24, 2012).
- The applicant has a paper that is accepted for presentation at the 2012 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 considerations:**

- Award committee members are not eligible for the award nomination.
- Previous award recipient is not eligible to re-apply for the award within 2 years of receipt. Example: If you were a Distinguished Paper Award recipient in 2011, you are not eligible to apply in 2012 and 2013. But you are eligible to apply for the award in 2014.

**Awards** Up to 4 awards will be granted at the annual conference, with one award presented in each of the four areas of research designs/methodologies: qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, and single-subject. An award in a specific category may not be granted if the evaluation criteria are not met. Each award recipient will receive (1) a certificate of the distinguished paper award, (2) recognition of the award paper at the conference, and (3) a 1-year complimentary membership for 2013. The awards will be presented to the recipients at a plenary session at the conference.

**Evaluation criteria:** The awards committee will review your papers. Selection criteria include:

- clear paper title (without any identifying information for blind review purpose)
- concise abstract
- appropriate theoretical framework and/or literature review

- clear research question(s) or hypothesi(e)s
- rigorous methodology or analytic plan
- findings that explain or support how results are used to address specific educational problems
- the significance of the impact on the practice of educational field
- a list of references with seminal work
- potential for publication in the professional journals
- paper is well organized, well written, and follow APA 6<sup>th</sup> edition guidelines or major publication style
- overall quality and innovation of the paper

**Application 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 with major contribution (especially if with multiple authors) 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 reporting the research being considered. Please remove all identifying information from the paper for blind reviews.
3. The cover letter and the paper **must be** submitted as attachment (Word file or PDF file) to an email message by **February 24, 2012**. Send applications to Dr. Yann-Yann Shieh ([Yann-Yann.Shieh@ed.gov](mailto:Yann-Yann.Shieh@ed.gov)), Award Committee Chair.

**Award details:** Award recipients will be notified by the award committee chair via email by March 23, 2012.

Questions can be directed to: Yann-Yann Shieh, Ph.D. ([Yann-Yann.Shieh@ed.gov](mailto:Yann-Yann.Shieh@ed.gov))

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