

BERA/SAGE PRACTITIONER RESEARCH AWARDS 2010

Submission Guidelines

AIMS

The aims of the award are:

- To support and encourage excellence in the application of research in practice.
- To disseminate the results of practitioner research and practice
- To help practitioners to improve the quality of their work by example

Awards will be presented in two categories:

- an award for those working on research-based practice in 16+ settings, including higher education,
- an award for schools, early years and social care or health settings, which employ research-based practice, where practitioners are working with the under-16s.

Winning entries will be awarded with a cheque for £500, and the opportunity to select books from the SAGE list to the value of £200. In the event that the judging panel chooses to present highly-commended awards in either category, these winners will receive their choice of SAGE books to the value of £200. SAGE will also offer publishing advice to winners in each category.

Eligibility

The awards are open to practitioners who have used research to develop their practice in the UK within the past three years, and who are working in any sector of education. *Entrants must clearly state on the submission form which category of award they are entering.* The research is not restricted to any particular methodology, and entries can be submitted by an individual, a research or practitioner team, or by a researcher on behalf of an organization or institution. Entrants do not have to be members of BERA. Entrants who are submitting research for which they have had funding or research for an award must clearly state this.

Conditions of entry

The research-into-practice project should have been completed/written up within the last three years.

Entrants must complete the BERA/SAGE awards 2010 entry form, which is available at www.bera.ac.uk, or www.sagepub.co.uk, or from the BERA office.

All entries must consist of 5 identical collated copies of material, which must include the entry form, a commentary of no more than 1,000 words, the account of research-in-practice, and reports from two referees. **[Please note that all materials must be sent in hard copy format: emailed entries will not be accepted.]**

The research-into-practice accounts should not exceed 5,000 words. The submission can be in a variety of forms, for example, accounts of an action research project, or of the use of particular pedagogies, or of a programme of staff development, or of curriculum or assessment materials. The main criterion will be the clear link between research and practice by practitioners.

The commentary (not more than 1,000 words) should address specifically the following:

- the focus of the submission
- what instigated the need for undertaking research or using the research findings
- the reason for the choice of a particular research approach
- the process of doing research or of putting the results from others' research into practice
- an evaluation of impact/effectiveness
- any further developments which have ensued as a result of the work.

Each submission must be accompanied by reports from two referees, which should confirm the research focus of the submission, the need for the development, the manner in which it was carried out, impact, any professional learning which resulted, and any further developments. The deadline for submissions to be received by BERA is **19th July 2010**

Entries should be submitted to:

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ENTRY FORM

Submission deadline: 19th July 2010

Entry details

Which category of award are you entering? Please tick

16+ setting?

Schools/early years/social care/health setting?

NAME OF ENTRANT

POSITION/PROFESSIONAL ROLE

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PRIMARY CONTACT/RECIPIENT IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

NAME OF ENTRANT

POSITION/PROFESSIONAL ROLE

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

NAME AND CONTACT ADDRESS FOR REFEREES

REFEREE 1

NAME

POSITION/PROFESSIONAL ROLE

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

PLEASE ATTACH REFEREE'S REPORT TO THIS FORM



NAME AND CONTACT ADDRESS FOR REFEREES

REFEREE 2

NAME

POSITION/PROFESSIONAL ROLE

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

PLEASE ATTACH REFEREE'S REPORT TO THIS FORM



COMMENTARY FORM

Please complete this form in no more than 1,000 words in total.

NAME OF ENTRANT

WHAT IS THE FOCUS OF THE SUBMISSION?

WHAT INSTIGATED THE NEED FOR UNDERTAKING RESEARCH OR USING THE RESEARCH FINDINGS?

WHAT WERE THE REASONS FOR THE CHOICE OF A PARTICULAR RESEARCH APPROACH?

BRIEFLY OUTLINE THE PROCESS OF DOING THE RESEARCH OR OF PUTTING THE RESULTS FROM OTHERS' RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE?

BRIEFLY EVALUATE THE IMPACT/EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT.

OUTLINE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE ENSUED AS A RESULT OF THE WORK.

CHECKLIST

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Have you included **5 COPIES** of the following?

- Completed entry form?
- Completed commentary form?
- Main submission (maximum 5,000 words)?
- Reports from TWO referees?

Have you labelled all copies clearly with your name and contact details?

Please note that submissions will not be accepted unless accompanied by all of the above documents. Emailed submissions will not be accepted.