2025 Call for Nominations:

NERA Educator-As-Researcher (E-A-R) Award

Marcia A. B. Delcourt, Western Connecticut State University, Chair

The Educator-as-Researcher Award is presented annually to an educator who has conducted a self-initiated classroom research project or applied research findings to inform their own practice. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a NERA member or other professional who knows about their research. The award recipient will be invited to attend the NERA conference to present the research to a NERA audience and receive the award.

The nominee must be a PK-12 educator who conducted a school-related research project with their students, faculty, local community partners, or constituents to improve educational practices. The project must be conceptualized, developed, and implemented as part of the nominee’s context and practices and have had at least one cycle of trial and evaluation. The project should also be related to a clearly defined theoretical focus and represent an innovation that has led to concrete change in educational practice. The research, conducted during the past two years, could be part of a thesis or dissertation if the educator is primarily responsible for the development and implementation of the project. Research topics may vary but should have some importance in the nominee’s branch of education. The theory underlying the research, as well as methods of instruction or implementation, data collection, and analysis, should be well articulated and documented by the nominee.

Send the application cover sheet (see next page), and narrative as a Word document to Dr. Marcia A. B. Delcourt, Chair, Educator-as-Researcher Award Committee (delcourtm@wcsu.edu) no later than June 1.

EDUCATOR-AS-RESEARCHER AWARD APPLICATION

56th ANNUAL CONFERENCE, October 2025, Trumbull, CT

Name of Applicant:

Affiliation of Applicant:

Position of Applicant:

Mailing Address of Applicant:

(after June 1) Phone E-mail:

Signature of Applicant: Date:

Attach information regarding your submission using the following four guidelines provided:

1. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF THE RESEARCH (15-word limit)
2. ABSTRACT (Please summarize the research project in no more than 250 words including its purpose, procedure, and outcomes)
3. DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH (maximum of 1000 words)
   1. The rationale for conducting the study
   2. Description of project methods including participants, site, and procedures
   3. Report and analysis of research findings
   4. Discussion of the impact of the research on teacher’s practices that occurred or will occur as a result of the project
   5. Bibliography of relevant references related to the research
   6. Any other information seen as relevant by the nominee
4. SIGNIFICANCE OF STUDY TO EDUCATORS (Describe how the results contribute to improved educational practice or professional knowledge of educators in your field; maximum 100 words)

Name of Nominating Person (if other than the applicant):

Phone Number: E-mail:

Affiliation and Position of Nominating Person: (Please Print):

Signature of Nominating Person: Date:

Send the application cover sheet and narrative as a Word document to: The E-A-R Committee Chair no later than June 1.