

**Call for Nominations**  
**Second Language Research SIG Dissertation Award**

The Second Language Research Special Interest Group (SIG) of AERA honors the writer of an outstanding dissertation completed during each calendar year. The award goes to the dissertation research that best demonstrates the following criteria: (a) solid theoretical base, (b) sound methodology and data collection, (c) originality, and (d) promising contribution to the field of second language research. The award recipient will be officially recognized at the AERA Annual Meeting in 2016 and will be invited to present their study during our SIG business meeting.

Candidates must have completed and filed their dissertation between **January 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015**. The candidate, dissertation chair, or members of the candidate's dissertation committee **may make nominations by sending the following:**

- (1) A cover letter with the candidate's name, address, telephone, and e-mail address
- (2) Supporting statement as to why the dissertation is worthy of this award
- (3) A 250-word abstract of the dissertation

Submit nominations by **November 1, 2015** to Dr. Susana E. Franco-Fuenmayor, Awards Committee Co-Chair, at [francos@stthom.edu](mailto:francos@stthom.edu). Please send the letter, supporting statement, and abstract as an attachment for efficient distribution. Late submissions will **not** be considered.

Finalists will be asked to submit an article-length manuscript based upon the dissertation for blind review. Candidates should include the following:

- (1) Problem statement and a description of the context (or contextualization) in which the research took place;
- (2) Review of the literature including the contribution your dissertation makes;
- (3) Design of the study;
- (4) Analysis of the data;
- (5) Recognition of the limitations of the study and checks for untrustworthiness of the study;
- (6) Implications;
- (7) Recommendations for further research and instructional practice

Manuscript length: 20 pages preferred (excluding bibliography, tables, notes); longer article acceptable, depending on merit. Applicants will be contacted if they are finalists: please do **not** send a manuscript unless you receive notification to do so.