

Housing Education and Research Association (HERA)

Housing Impact Award – 2008

BACKGROUND and PURPOSE

Members of the Housing Education and Research Association (HERA) are committed housing professionals who have greatly impacted the field of housing through their research, teaching and outreach. The HERA Award Committee established this award to recognize an active HERA member or team that has made significant contributions to the field of housing through a focused research, teaching, and/or outreach initiative. The Housing Impact Award is a new award to be initiated in 2006.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applications may be submitted by an individual or a collaborative team.
- The applicant, or at least one member of a team, must be a current active member (not student) of the Housing Education and Research Association (HERA) and have been a member of the organization for a minimum of three years.
- Self nominations are encouraged.

CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met:

- Evidence of a significant contribution to the housing field through research, teaching, and/or outreach activities focused on a single housing issue or program. The efforts of the applicant may involve one or all of these areas.
- Evidence that the initiative or program involves a unique approach and sustained work over a significant period of time.
- Evidence that the initiative or program has been widely adopted by a large number of people, agencies, groups or institutions, and serves as a model program to address the stated issue.
- Evidence that the efforts have made a major impact on the housing field over time.
- The award will only be awarded if the Awards Committee deems a nomination is worthy of consideration.

APPLICATION

The application should include the following:

- Nomination letter (self or other) highlighting the nominee's/team's expertise and housing initiative and its impact (1 page maximum).
- A completed application form which is available at www.housingeducators.org.
- Vita for all individuals included in the nomination.
- Summary of the nominee's (individual or team) housing focus and activities including (4 pages maximum):
 1. Description of the nominee's housing initiative summarizing the objectives, unique approach, and importance of the work.
 2. Description of how the program has impacted the field of housing and the extent of its adoption.
 3. Recognitions received for this program initiative.
- Two letters of support from persons familiar with the significance of the nominee's housing initiative and its contribution to the field of housing (1 page maximum for each).
- A bibliography of materials that supports the nomination, including: refereed articles, published reviews, books or monographs, extension publications, presentations, and other ways in which the work has been disseminated, adopted and/or shared.
- Support materials.
- Submit four copies of all materials.
- Submission deadline: All submission materials, including letters, must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2008.

AWARD

The award recipients shall be recognized at the annual conference with a plaque or framed certificate acknowledging their accomplishments.

Mail entries to:

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Application Form

Deadline April 30, 2008

Nominee Information:

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Affiliation _____

Contact:

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Office Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Housing Initiative:

Brief description of applicant's housing initiative:

Time span of the efforts _____

Scope of activities _____

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