

## **Barr/Mosenthal Handbook of Reading Research 2017 Request for Proposals**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research* Fund is to develop an agenda for implementing and improving the infrastructure for literacy research endeavors in countries with emerging research communities, dissemination outlets, and research repositories. The Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research* Fund Committee will develop and implement projects that provide access to professional research literature available from LRA. Since this was not specified in the original agreement, the Committee agreed to the assumption that LRA would be a “wise steward of accounts” associated with this fund, assuming the fiduciary responsibility for determining suitable investments.

The proposal is as follows:

- The Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research* Fund Committee has the goal of identifying two recipients for an award in the pilot phase
- Each recipient would receive (up to) \$2,500 US towards the purchase of books or online resources related to literacy development or literacy research
- The recipients would be university libraries in a non-OECD country that are accredited at the national level to certify teachers and/or to award degrees in Education
- The potential recipients would be nominated by a Sponsor who is a current member of LRA (e.g., member of the International ICG)
- The Sponsor would take responsibility for:
  - (i) eliciting from the potential recipient and signed by the Librarian (or similar role-holder), and countersigned by the Vice-Chancellor/Rector/President of the institution a proposal that includes:
    - (a) Introduction that describes the setting and context (location, reason for proposal)
    - (b) A proposed budget specifying intended purchases of up to US \$2,500 (limited to research journals, books, and electronic access for professional research literature)
    - (c) List of professional research literature resources that includes: books, journals, and electronic access for professional research literature
    - (d) Rationale for proposed budget
  - (ii) Recipients will provide a final report that includes:
    - (a) Description of the impact of the purchases
    - (b) Usage statistics
    - (c) Evidence of further need
- The proposals would be evaluated on the criteria established below.

### **Proposed timeline:**

- May 15, 2017 - June 1, 2017: An announcement seeking Sponsors sent to all LRA members (including International ICG members); Sponsors to inform the Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research Fund* Committee;

- June 20, 2017: Proposals requesting funds to be sent to the Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research* Fund Committee Chair, Arlette I. Willis ([aiwillis@illinois.edu](mailto:aiwillis@illinois.edu));
- August 01, 2017: Awardees will be notified and can begin making their purchases;
- November 15, 2017: Mid-term report from award recipients sent to Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research* Fund Committee;
- The Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research* Committee will meet to review the reports, make necessary revisions to the proposal process, and send out a new RFP by January 1, 2018;
- May 01, 2018, if the Board approves, a further (non-pilot) round of Sponsors and Awardees will be sought.

**Criteria:**

The Committee is seeking proposals from a developing country (\*according to World Bank data) with an emerging research community, dissemination outlets, and research repositories.

Proposals must include the following information:

1. Introduction that includes a description of setting and context (location, reason for proposal)
2. A proposed budget specifying intended purchases of up to US \$2,500 (limited to research journals, books, and electronic access for professional research literature)
3. List of professional research literature resources that includes: journals, books, and electronic access for professional research literature
4. Rationale for proposed budget

The Barr/Mosenthal *Handbook of Reading Research* Fund Committee will review proposals using the criteria above. After rating and ranking proposals independently the Committee will meet electronically to identify two-three awardees. The awardees will be notified and required to send a final budget for proposed purchases. As purchases are made invoices will be sent electronically to LRA's Executive Director for processing.

**Proposals must arrive on or before: June 20, 2017, 11:59 p.m., EST: [aiwillis@illinois.edu](mailto:aiwillis@illinois.edu)**

\*For the current 2017 fiscal year, low-income economies are defined as those with a GNI per capita, calculated using the World Bank Atlas method, of \$1025 or less in 2015.

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