



2026 AERA FELLOWS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Deadline: November 13, 2025

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for 2026 AERA Fellows. The AERA Fellows Program honors education researchers for their exceptional contributions to, and excellence in, education research. The program is intended to be inclusive of the scholarship that constitutes and enriches education research as an interdisciplinary field.

Fellow status is typically awarded for a person's significant scientific or scholarly contributions. In special circumstances, it may also be awarded for substantial and innovative contributions to the field through the development of research opportunities and settings. With rare exception, nominees will be considered only after at least 12 years of postdoctoral contribution and status as a full professor or the equivalent. It is also expected that AERA Fellows will continue to contribute to the advancement of the field through research, mentoring of junior scholars, and other forms of leadership and that they will uphold the highest standards of professional ethics in their work. The list of AERA Fellows is available on the **AERA website**.

All nominees, nominators, and endorsers must be current AERA members at the time of nomination. Most helpful in the consideration of nominees is that nominators and endorsers have expertise in the area of the nominee's significant scholarly contributions or can speak knowledgeably about its significance. In advancing a nomination, the following items must be considered:

- Either the nominator or one of the endorsers of a nominee must be an AERA Fellow.
- Nominators and endorsers may be from the same institution as a nominee.
- Members of the AERA Fellows Committee are not eligible to serve as nominators or endorsers.
- The AERA President-Elect, President, and Past President are precluded from making nominations and/or providing letters of support for nominees during their terms in office.
- Self-nominations will not be accepted. Two persons should not knowingly nominate or endorse each other.

In reviewing nominations, the Fellows Committee considers the significance of the contributions made by individual researchers. If the most important scientific or scholarly contributions of a nominee are most evident in co-authored work when the nominee is not an acknowledged first author, the nominator or endorsers should address the distinctive contribution of the nominee. Similarly, if a nominee has been engaged in long-term collaborations and partnerships with one or more researchers, those advancing a nomination should specify the distinct contributions of the nominee from the collective contributions of the collaboration.

The Fellows Committee encourages those advancing nominations to ensure that the nomination packet includes letters from endorsers with expertise germane to the nominee's research areas. It is also essential to the committee for the letters and documentation to point to the nominee's specific research accomplishments and their significance to the nominee's area of science or scholarship as well as to the field of education research more broadly. Letters should address explicitly the nominee's substantial, significant, or seminal contribution that merits recognition as an AERA Fellow. Please note that letters that are redundant of each other (e.g., explicitly repeat what other letters state) are less helpful to the Committee in undertaking its assessment of the significance and impact of a nominee's work.

In addition and importantly, all nominators and endorsers must consult the [AERA Code of Ethics](#) and attest to the fact that the nominator or endorser has no knowledge of conduct that would preclude a nominee from being honored as an AERA Fellow, per the [AERA Policy on Honors, Awards, and Fellows Status](#).

AERA uses the AERA APPLY portal at www.aera.net/RhythmQ for the submission of Fellow nominations. Nominators will be asked first to login to their My AERA account and confirm their membership information before proceeding to the nomination form. Within the form, nominators will provide the name and email of each endorser who will receive an invitation from AERA APPLY to upload their letter of endorsement.

To nominate an outstanding researcher for Fellow status, please submit the following online by the deadline of **11:59 p.m. Pacific Time, November 13, 2025**:

1. [2026 AERA Fellow Nomination Form](#). Within the form, nominators are asked to include up to five citations of major scientific or scholarly publications and their significant contributions; awards, honors, and contributions; and field advancement contributions and their significance in support of the nomination;
2. One letter of nomination by the nominator with a detailed explanation of the nominee's substantial, significant, or seminal contributions;
3. Two letters of endorsement from AERA members who have made outstanding contributions to education research and are familiar with the nominee's work and research accomplishments; these letters should provide their own unique perspective on the nominee's contributions rather than merely affirm the content of the nominator's letter (two letters only, provided by the endorsers);
4. One publication by the nominee that exemplifies the significance of the nominee's contribution specifically addressed in the nomination letter (provide information about the journal, if needed; a book chapter may alternatively be provided if it constitutes the most compelling exemplar of a nominee's work);
5. A brief statement of no more than 100 words that effectively capture the significance of the nominee's research contributions;
6. The nominee's current curriculum vitae; and
7. Each nominator and endorser must consult the [AERA Code of Ethics](#) and attest in the submission system that they have no knowledge of conduct that would preclude a nominee from being honored as an AERA Fellow.

All nominations will be treated confidentially by the AERA Fellows Committee. The committee will review the nominations and subsequently submit a list of recommendations to the AERA Council for approval. Nominators will be notified of the final decision. Only those nominees selected for Fellows distinction will be notified by the committee.

Please direct any questions regarding the nomination process to fellows@aera.net.