WERA VISITING RESEARCHER AWARD (2024)

This is the joint call by the World Education Research Association (WERA), the Educational Research Association Singapore (ERAS), and the Centre for Assessment and Evaluation (CAE) at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NIE NTU, Singapore).

Information regarding the application process

Aims of the award program:

- Contribute to enhancing the research projects/interests of the visiting researcher by providing support from the partner institute.
- Provide the opportunity to collaborate with visiting researcher and doctoral-level staff from the partner institute and promote networking within a worldwide research community.

Aims of the award program

This award enables visiting researchers to develop their own research project while benefiting from the individual support of experts from NIE NTU, Singapore working in different fields related to evaluation and assessment. The CAE focuses on certain key themes in Evaluation & Assessment that include:

- Evaluating Intervention Effectiveness (Evaluation)
- Emerging Technology in Assessment (Evaluation)
- Educational Program Implementation: Issues in Implementation, particularly with Teacher Mindsets, Competence & Practices (Evaluation)
- Development of Educational Evaluation Models (e.g., Rapid Cycle Evaluation)
- 21st Century Competencies: Assessment Practices (Assessment)
- Assessment Issues Related to Non-Cognitive Domains (Assessment)

Who can apply?

Early-stage researchers and experienced researchers engaged in educational research from all nationalities are welcome to apply. All applicants must hold a minimum of Master's or an equivalent degree.

Priority in consideration will be given to those with expertise and special interest in research related to these issues in educational evaluation and/or assessment and that are important to advancing research in these areas as an international field.

Duration

The visit will last between 4-6 weeks in 2024 or 2025. Exact time-period will be negotiated with the awardee. Shortened or extended visits may be arranged upon request.

Expectations of the visiting researcher
- to work on a proposed research project,
- encouraged to initiate a collaboration with our experts on a specific research project or research policy, ideally aiming for a joint publication,
- expected to present own work within a research colloquium/seminar organized by the host institute,
- expected to report on the visit and its results to the host institute. The reports will be published on the websites of the partner institute. CAE, NIE retains the rights to all data collected during this collaboration. Publications from this collaboration should acknowledge the contribution of the respective parties.

Visiting researcher will be provided with
- Financial support of SGD$10,000 for the duration of stay.
- An academic mentor for the duration of their stay,
- Expert support for specific topics on request,
- A working place with access to internet, printer, telephone, and basic office supplies.

Eligibility

To qualify for the visiting researcher award, the applicant must meet all the following conditions:
- Conduct a research project corresponding to the research activities and study data of the host institute,
- Obtain the necessary visa and arrange own travel to the host country,
- Present proof of valid medical insurance coverage for the stay in the host country,
- Present proof of a return air ticket between home and host countries.
- Working level in written and spoken English.

How to apply

To submit an application, please provide the following documents:

- Letter of request, including, the general objectives of your visit, and the specific activities you would like to focus on;
- Your CV with a record of publications (if applicable);
- A proposal or research protocol referring to the focus of your visit. This proposal must include the following items: Summary; Objectives; Literature review; Data; Methods; and Expected results.

The proposal must not exceed 2,000 words and must be written in English.

Please submit all required documents through the designated submission platform on the WERA Website (https://weraonline.org/visiting-researcher-award/submission/)

Selection process

The deadline for your applications is 30th September 2024. All applications are reviewed by an academic committee of the partner institutes. Candidates will be notified of acceptance or rejection eight weeks after the deadline. Please be assured that the information sent by you is used only for the internal review process and will not be passed on to any third party.

For inquiries related to the Call, kindly direct your emails to: wera@aera.net