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# APRA 2008 Distinguished Service Award

The Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement (APRA) Distinguished Service Award honors an individual who has enhanced both the advancement research profession and APRA through exceptional contributions beyond his/her daily paid work. The award takes into account professional competencies (the APRA Advanced Skills Set as a basis for career conduct) and personal competencies (contributions that facilitate learning and talents that are exceptional).

Self-nominations are permitted. To nominate a colleague (or yourself) for this award, complete the nomination form and send it to the APRA office by **April 24, 2008**. Nominees and nominators must be current members of APRA International. Nominators may submit more than one nomination per year.

## Eligibility/Qualifications:

Each candidate must have:

- ◆ APRA membership in good standing at the time of nomination
- ◆ At least five years of experience in the advancement research profession

**Nominees cannot be employees of the award sponsor or current board members of APRA International.**

## Judging Criteria:

Each candidate will be judged on the following criteria:

- ◆ Exhibits leadership in APRA (APRA International and/or a local APRA chapter)
- ◆ Anticipates trends and displays vision
- ◆ Contributes to the lifelong learning and knowledge development of advancement researchers
- ◆ Promotes the profession of advancement research to other organizations within the philanthropic community in order to facilitate understanding and ongoing dialogue
- ◆ Demonstrates a strong commitment to the APRA Code of Ethics
- ◆ Exhibits a personal/professional belief in philanthropy

## Judging:

Nominations for the award must be received by **April 24, 2008** to be considered. A committee of APRA members will select one (1) Distinguished Service Award recipient, and the award will be presented at the annual International Conference in 2006.



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# APRA 2008 Distinguished Service Award Application

To nominate someone for the Distinguished Service Award, please complete the application and return it to the APRA office by **April 24, 2008**. Nominators and nominees must both be APRA members.

## Nominee Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator's Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to facilitate the evaluation of the nominee's contributions, detail how the candidate meets the following judging criteria. The examples used in this format are just that – examples. You may list any and all other activities that you believe fit the criteria.**

*1. Exhibits leadership in APRA (APRA International and/or a local APRA chapter).*

The candidate recognizes the need for a forum where advancement researchers can communicate and share professional issues. Some of the candidate's professional activities may include, but are not limited to, volunteering on APRA committees or at annual/local conferences, serving as a writer for, or editor of, *Connections*, or serving as a director or officer of an APRA chapter.

*2. Anticipates trends and displays vision.*

The candidate sees advancement research as an essential component to making informed decisions in the fundraising profession. The candidate recognizes the expanding nature of information management and remains attuned to trends and technology that will impact the profession. The candidate interprets, analyzes and shares these issues with the research profession and, in doing so, advances the profession.

*3. Contributes to the lifelong learning and knowledge development of advancement researchers.*

The candidate's expert advancement research skills and fund-raising knowledge are shared with peers via a variety of formats (conference presentations, contributions to professional journals, in-house formal or informal training sessions). The candidate provides assistance to colleagues by serving as a mentor to fellow advancement researchers or by providing assistance to colleagues one-on-one or via the Internet, for example.

- 4. Promotes the profession of advancement research to other organizations within the philanthropic community in order to facilitate understanding and ongoing dialogue.*

The candidate serves as an advancement research ambassador to associations such as, but not limited to, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP) by conducting presentations or publishing articles. The candidate offers constructive opinions to database vendors/information providers to improve products/services, for example.

- 5. Demonstrates a strong commitment to the APRA Code of Ethics.*

Candidate, in word and deed, is a strong advocate for ethical policies within his or her department/organization as well as in the broader advancement research community.

- 6. Exhibits a personal/professional belief in philanthropy.*

Candidate's involvement in causes, either in or outside of advancement research, involves the donation of time, skill, wisdom or financial support. The candidate promotes a philanthropic approach by deed.

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