The International Literacy Association’s Dina Feitelson Research Award was established to honor the memory of Dina Feitelson. This award is sponsored by Jehuda Feitelson, and the annual monetary award is US$500. The award recognizes an outstanding empirical study that was published in English in a refereed journal and that reports on an investigation of aspects of literacy acquisition such as phonemic awareness, the alphabetic principle, bilingualism, home influences on literacy development, or cross-cultural studies of beginning reading. The results of the study should have clear implications for instruction.

Empirical studies involve the collection of original data from direct experimentation or observation. Articles that develop theory without data, secondary reviews of the literature, or descriptions of the practical application of a theory are not eligible for this award.

ELIGIBILITY

For the 2019 award year, works published between January 2017 and December 2017 may be nominated. Online first articles will be considered only if they have also been assigned to a journal issue within the 2017 calendar year.

Articles may be nominated by researchers, authors, and others. Nominated manuscripts should be submitted as high-quality, clear, and complete published papers with full bibliographic information identifying the author(s), source, and publication date.

SUBMISSION TIMELINE

- Late October 2018: Submissions open
- March 15, 2019: Proposal submission deadline (must be submitted electronically)
- May–June 2019: Applicants notified of the results via email.

HOW TO APPLY

In preparing the submission, adhere explicitly to the following guidelines. Incomplete or late submissions not in compliance with the guidelines will not be eligible for the award.

Complete your submission online using ScholarOne (a web-based award management system; previously Manuscript Central) at https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/ILA_awards-grants.

CREATING A PROFILE

All applicants (and coapplicants) must create a profile by providing the following information in the ScholarOne system (see instructions under Step 4 for creating a coapplicant account). If you are a returning user, please view or edit your profile to make sure it is current.

- User name and password
- First and last name
Institutional affiliation and position/title
Mailing address
Phone number and email address

APPLICATION PREPARATION

STEP 1: TYPE, TITLE, AND ABSTRACT

- Select Manuscript Type (screen will refresh once selected)
- Full article title (15-word max)
- Abstract (150-word max)
- Application Type (Individual or Group)

STEP 2: UPLOAD (Upload the following materials:)

Upload article submission, selecting the “Article” File Designation.

The quality of the publication is evaluated with respect to the following criteria:

- Significance of the issue under investigation
- Appropriateness of methodology used to investigate the topic or problem
- Presentation and analysis of data
- Appropriateness of conclusions/interpretations
- Implications of the study for school or classroom practice

STEP 3: ATTRIBUTES

Level of Learners: Select the level of learners the research will cover.

STEP 4: APPLICANTS, NOMINATORS, & INSTITUTIONS

Applicant/Nominator Information: This information will be automatically populated from the primary applicant’s profile information.

Add Coapplicant (if applicable): Search the coapplicant’s email address: If the coapplicant has created a profile in the ScholarOne system, the information will automatically be added to the application. If the coapplicant’s information is not found in the system, the following message will appear:

No co-author found. Please search again using another email address or create a new co-author.

Click on the “create a new co-author” link in the message. You will then be prompted to add a new author using the coapplicant’s name and email address. The coapplicant will then be notified and a request made to complete their profile.

**Note: Coapplicant’s will also need to meet the ILA membership criteria. Coapplicants will be able to view, but not edit, the application.
**Nominee/Nominator:** Indicate if you are the nominee or the nominator.

**Membership Information**

Enter primary applicant’s membership number and expiration. Enter NA in both sections if the applicant is not a member.

**STEP 5: DETAILS & COMMENTS**

**Cover Letter** (optional)

Applicant may enter cover letter text (not viewable by reviewers).

Select how you heard about the award.

**STEP 6: REVIEW & SUBMIT**

Review and edit your submission before you submit. **You will not be able to update or edit your proposal after you submit it.** You will be informed if your application encountered any errors. After you submit, you will receive an email confirmation of your submission for this award.

**REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The ILA Dina Feitelson Research Award Committee will conduct a systematic review of professional journals, resulting in the nomination of eligible works.

*Please direct any questions about your submission or this award to Wendy Logan at ILAAwards@reading.org.*

*Note. The International Literacy Association (ILA) reserves the right to refrain from awarding an award if the expectation of high-quality and criteria are not met.*