

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The International Literacy Association (ILA) International Citation of Merit is given every three years to an individual whose reputation is clearly visible through global activities in the field of literacy and whose activities are for the benefit of countries beyond their own. This award recognizes exceptional contributions that have significantly advanced literacy practices and education on an international scale. Recipients are celebrated for addressing critical issues and implementing innovative solutions that impact diverse communities worldwide.

## ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Nominees must be well known in the literacy field for their commitment to international research, practice, and/or advocacy.
- The focus of their work must be in a country/countries other than the one in which they reside.
- Nominees must serve as a researcher, scholar, academic, clinician, and/or school-based educator.
- Nominees must achieve measurable results that demonstrate support for the field of literacy.
- Nominees' global influence must be evident through publications, presentations, media, etc.

To be eligible, a candidate must be an ILA member in good standing and maintain active membership through **June 30, 2026**.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted through [an online application process](#). Supporting documentation is required and may be supplied in the body of the form, as a PDF attachment, and/or by linking to relevant material (such as a CV) provided that the source is reputable and up to date.

Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague.

Recipients of the ILA International Citation of Merit are not eligible for future consideration. Please review the list of past honorees before submitting a nomination.

## SUBMISSION TIMELINE

To be considered for the 2025 International Citation of Merit, **nomination forms must be completed and received no later than February 3, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET**. Applicants will be notified of the results before June 30, 2025.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The ILA International Citation of Merit Committee will review the completed applications and submitted supporting materials of all eligible candidates. Members of the ILA International Citation of Merit Committee may also choose to put forth additional candidates for consideration during the discussion and deliberation phases. Please note that all applications—self-submitted, nominated, and internal—will be given equal consideration.

Decisions will be made based on the candidate's body of work and the impact of their contributions. Additional factors such as timeliness, global influence, relevance, and representation may also apply.

*Please direct any questions about eligibility, selection criteria, the nomination process, and/or the selection process to [ILAAwards@reading.org](mailto:ILAAwards@reading.org).*