



2022 CEC Special Education Research Award Nomination Information

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is a professional association of educators dedicated to improving the success of children with exceptionalities. CEC accomplishes its mission through advocacy, standards, and professional development.

The CEC Special Education Research Award recognizes a CEC member whose research has had a direct impact on practice, programs, or policy needs and has improved positive outcomes for children and youth with exceptionalities.

Nominations may be made by an individual or a CEC-affiliated organization (unit, chapter, division, or subdivision).

Award Benefits

The Special Education Research Award recipient will be:

- invited to attend the [CEC 2022 Convention & Expo, January 16-19, in Orlando, FL](#) compliments of CEC (CEC will cover the recipient's registration);
- recognized and receive a commemorative plaque at an awards ceremony during the CEC 2022 Convention & Expo;
- given a \$500 cash honorarium; and
- featured in a press release on the CEC website (<https://exceptionalchildren.org>)

Eligibility Requirements

- The nominee must be a CEC member at the time of nomination **and granting of the award**.
- The research of the nominee must be directed at improving the success of children and youth with exceptionalities.

Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Award Selection Considerations

- The CEC Honors Committee has the authority to give only one CEC Special Education Research Award or opt not to grant the award in any given year.
- **NOTE:** With their permission, individuals nominated for this award but who are not selected may be included in the pool of nominees the following year. If the nominator who originally submitted the nomination intends to resubmit it for a second year, they may do so by sending a letter of intent to the Honors Committee Staff Liaison. The previous nomination materials can be reused.

Required Materials

The nomination packet is divided into four sections:

- Research Information
Please provide a description of the research program for which the nominee is being nominated. (750-word maximum)
- Please provide an analysis and evaluation of the extent to which the research has had a direct impact on practice, programs, or policy needs and has improved the education of children and youth with exceptionalities. Quantitative support should be provided where possible. (750-word maximum)
- Vita of Nominee
- Letters of Support
Please include **at least two, and up to four, letters of recommendation addressing the specific research program for which the applicant is being nominated.** The letters should describe the impact of the research on practice, programs, or policy needs that has resulted in positive outcomes for children and youth with exceptionalities.
- Published Articles
Please include **one to two** published articles related to the research project.

Rules and Instructions for Nomination

- All nomination materials must be submitted **by 12:00 pm Eastern, September 8, 2021.**
- The nomination form is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HYTLWDJ>
- Supporting materials may be uploaded into the online nomination form as PDF, doc or docx files. If you are unable to upload them, please email them to [Sharon Rodriguez](#).
- Please use the file name to clearly label each section and all nomination materials (e.g., "John_Smith_2021_Research_Award.doc" or "John_Smith_Vitae.doc").
- All materials submitted become the property of CEC and will not be returned.
- Nominations are accepted from individuals or from a CEC-affiliated organization (CEC unit, chapter, division, or subdivision).

For questions, please contact [Sharon Rodriguez](#).