

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
for RESEARCH *on* WOMEN
BREAKING NEW GROUND

2008 NCRW MEMBER CENTER AWARDS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

Member Center Award: The Member Center Award is an annual award presented to a Council Member Center in recognition of innovative work and lasting impact on scholarship, policy, and action for activities in the previous calendar year. All Council Member Centers in good standing are eligible to receive the award or to be nominated.

Past Outstanding Member Center Award recipients include the Center for the Education of Women (CEW) at the University of Michigan, the Center for the Study of Women in Society at the University of Oregon, the Feminist Press at the City University of New York, the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) and the Wellesley Center for Women at Wellesley College.

Policy-Advocacy Award: The Policy-Advocacy Award will recognize an outstanding advocacy campaign that has significantly altered the political landscape for women or influenced public policy outcomes at the national level, state level, or globally.

NCRW Research and Scholarship Award: This award will honor an individual or a Member Center for outstanding scholarship, article, or research study that seeks to advance our understanding of the experiences of women and girls in society.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

To be considered for the NCRW Member Center Award(s), the Center or individual(s) must be nominated and complete an application. A Center may be nominated by a third party or self-nominated. Only Centers or individuals nominated will be considered for the award. Nominations must be received by the deadline to be considered.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

Winners of NCRW Member Center Awards will be selected by the Council's Board of Directors based on the recommendation of the Awards subcommittee appointed by the Council's Member Center Committee. The Member Center Committee is comprised of current and former Directors of Council Member Centers. All information submitted for consideration remains confidential to Selection Committee members and staff administering the Award.

Award winners will receive up to \$500.00 travel stipend and registration fee waiver to attend the NCRW Annual Conference in New York City.

Factors to be considered by the Awards Selection Committee:

Outstanding Member Center Award:

- Innovation of Center's projects, campaigns, or research within its field of study or expertise;
- Governance structure that moves the Center forward;
- Inclusive and diverse organizational practices;
- Demonstrated growth and/or development over the calendar year; and
- Investment by staff, board, volunteers and other stakeholders in the Center's work or efforts.
- Involvement or engagement in Council programs, events, governance and activities;

Research and Scholarship Award Criteria:

- Research study or paper must address an issue of importance related to women, gender, or girls.
- The study or paper and associated research must be the sole work of the applicant(s) *or* the lead author must be affiliated with the Network *or* he/she must be one of the principal investigators.
- Quality and thoroughness of research; appropriateness of sources; use of primary sources; and
- Ability to impact or contribute to understanding the experiences of women, gender, or girls.

Policy-Advocacy Award Criteria:

- Ability to impact public policy or community mobilization around a particular issue of concern (civic engagement, violence against women, immigration, economic justice, human security, or health)
- Ability to incorporate diverse communities and voices in campaign messaging
- Campaign must have been launched by June 1, 2007 to be eligible for consideration.

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2008 NCRW AWARD NOMINATION COVER SHEET AND APPLICATION

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Award Category (please select only one category for consideration)

- Member Center Award
- Campaign/Advocacy Award
- Research and Scholarship Award

Name of Nominee (self-nomination accepted): _____

Title: _____

Institution/Affiliation: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee Information (Member Center, Research Study, or Campaign name):

Contact Information of Nominee (*if different from above*):

Name of Nominee (self-nomination accepted): _____

Title: _____

Institution/Affiliation: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Member Center Affiliation: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please provide a brief summary of the submission or project (300 words or less):

Statement of Nomination (Please limit your response to four pages):

For the Member Center Award, please address the following:

- The Center's impact on the campus and/or its surrounding community;
- The Center's efforts to build a more inclusive and diverse Center;
- Innovation of the Center's projects, campaigns, or research within its field of study or expertise;
- The investment by staff, board volunteers, and other stakeholders in the Center's work or efforts;
- The Center's administrative and staffing structure, including a list of the Board of Trustees or Advisory Board members, with their affiliations; and
- The Center's involvement or engagement in Council programs, events, governance, and activities.

In addition to the questions above, could you please indicate the date the Center was founded, its budget, and staff size?

For the Research and Scholarship Award, please provide or address the following:

- A statement of the problem or issue addressed;
- The contribution of the study or research to greater understanding of the experiences of women, gender, or girls; and
- A statement of findings and/or conclusions.

For the Policy-Advocacy Award, please address the following:

- The Campaign's impact on public policy or community mobilization efforts;
- The issue addressed in the Campaign and its relevance to women, gender, or girls; and
- The Campaign's efforts to incorporate diverse communities and voices.

**Please submit the application and supporting documents to: Member Center Awards Committee
National Council for Research on Women, 11 Hanover Square 24th Floor New York, NY 10005.**

For additional information about Council membership or the application process, please contact C. Nicole Mason at 212 785-7335, extension 202, email: nmason@ncrw.org