

Public Health/Health Administration Section Research Award Submission Information

The Public Health/Health Administration Section (PH/HA) offers a research award of \$400 for the best paper in the field of public health or health administration librarianship published within the previous three years.

Applicants can submit individual or collaborative projects, but the amount of the award will remain \$400.

Selection Procedures:

A committee of five (5) volunteers from the Public Health/Health Administration Section, selected for their expertise in research design, will evaluate all applications.

Eligibility:

All applicants must have a graduate degree in library and information science.

At least one applicant for every paper must be a member of the Medical Library Association. Membership in PH/HA is not required.

Deadline and Timeline:

All applications for the PH/HA research award are due by **March 1** each year.

If the committee decides to make an award it will be presented during the annual MLA meeting in May, or mailed afterwards if necessary.

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Criteria:

The research committee will award papers and proposals that meet the following criteria:

- Well-defined research question(s) and hypothesis.
- Research methodology described in sufficient detail to be replicated by others.
- Appropriate methodology for answering the question and testing the hypothesis.
- Appropriate data collection and analysis.
- Data analysis supports the conclusion.
- Conclusions are placed within a relevant research context.
- Completed project has potential to stimulate further research in this field, or to impact current practices in public health/health administration librarianship.
- Suitability of applicants to undertake research projects submitted or proposed, as judged by a combination of their work, prior research, and professional experience.

Part I: Applicant Information

Part I should be filled out by every member of a joint project team, and at least one member of the team must belong to the Medical Library Association.

Applicants can submit a curriculum vitae for parts I-IV, if preferred.

1. Name:

2. Institution:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

3. Telephone:

4. Email address:

5. MLA Number:

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Part II: Education

Part II should be filled out by every member of a joint project team. All applicants must have a graduate degree in library and information science.

Undergraduate institution:

Dates attended:

Degree:

Graduate school in library and information science:

Dates attended:

Additional graduate education (if applicable):

Dates attended:

Degree:

Relevant continuing education courses (if applicable):

Please list any relevant continuing education courses you have taken, with a brief description of how they are related to the research you have conducted or plan to conduct.

Part III: Work Experience

Part III should be filled out by every member of a joint project team.

Please list and briefly describe your work experience, in reverse chronological order.

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Part IV: Professional and Academic Achievements

Part IV should be filled out by every member of a joint project team.

Please describe your achievements in the following areas:

- Published papers, or deposits in an institutional repository.
Please provide a detailed list, as this will help the research committee place your application project in a larger context.
- Honors and grants for professional achievement
- Professional association, memberships, offices, positions
- Membership in other associations, such as civic groups or honor societies.

Part V: Research Paper

Please include a complete copy of the paper. Also, please provide a statement that describes why you feel that this paper meets all of the criteria for this award.

If your paper does not have a strong public health focus and was published in the preceding calendar year, MLA's Ida and George Eliot Prize is an alternative; this award requires a nomination. Further details about the Eliot prize are available on MLANET:
http://www.mlanet.org/pdf/awards/eliot_nom_2005_0721.pdf.

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Submission Procedures:

Electronic: If all parts of the application can be bundled electronically, please email **one** file to Marcus Banks, Immediate Past Chair, PH/HA, at marcus.banks@library.ucsf.edu.

Paper: If submitting by mail, please mail **four** copies of the application to:

Marcus Banks
Manager of Education and Information Services
University of California at San Francisco Library
530 Parnassus Avenue
San Francisco, California, 94143-0840
United States of America

March 1 Deadline

Application must be sent electronically by this date or postmarked by this date *if sent in paper form.*