

Call for Application for Jhumki Basu E & E Scholars Award
NARST Equity and Ethics Committee
Application Deadline: December 14, 2009

Purpose

As identified through its vision and mission to enhance broad and diverse membership, NARST offers scholarships for members from underrepresented groups within the United States (see Eligibility #2 below). The scholarships are designed to support promising young scholars from underrepresented groups to participate in NARST events and to contribute to science education research, scholarship, and leadership.

Scholarships

Ten scholarships in the amount of \$750 each are offered to support expenses to attend the 2010 NARST conference and the pre-conference workshop that will be offered by the NARST Equity and Ethics Committee. Scholarships will be given in the form of reimbursements for conference-related expenses, including air travel, lodging, ground transportation, and conference registration fee.

Note: Comparable scholarships are available to support members outside the U.S. through the NARST International Committee.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants should meet the following criteria:

1. NARST membership
2. NARST members from underrepresented groups, as defined by the charge of the Equity and Ethics Committee as follows: "The Equity and Ethics Committee is responsible for providing leadership and guidance to the Association on issues of equity, including but not limited to gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disabling conditions, sexual orientations, language and religion."
3. Advanced-level doctoral students and junior scholars within 6 years of completion of their doctoral programs
4. Residence in the U.S. at the time of their application
5. Participation in the NARST pre-conference workshop to be offered by the Equity and Ethics Committee

Note: The recipients of the 2008 NARST scholarships are not eligible.

Application

Scholarships, along with the application form, are available on the NARST website: [<http://www.narst.org>]. Applications for scholarships include: (a) the scholarship application form (see Appendix), (b) a 2-page vitae, and (c) a 2-4 page, double spaced statement on research interests.

Please combine all three application materials into one word or PDF file and submit your document electronically to Valarie Akerson and Julie Bianchini, Co-Chairs of the Equity and Ethics Committee, no later than December 14, 2009:

Valarie Akerson and Julie Bianchini

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There could be problems in e-mail communication, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that the application process is completed. The Chair will notify you of the receipt of your application electronically. Please keep this e-mail communication for your record.

Selection

The Equity and Ethics Committee will decide scholarships by consensus based on the merit and need of applicants. Selection will favor junior scholars who demonstrate that: (a) their personal backgrounds as members of underrepresented groups can provide unique insights about science teaching and learning among students traditionally marginalized in science education, (b) their research and scholarship will contribute to the knowledge base on equitable educational opportunities and science achievement among marginalized students, and (c) their work will contribute to the diversity-related mission goals of NARST (see <http://narst.org>). These issues can be addressed in the 2-4 page statement on research interests. Additionally, preference will be given to applicants who will present papers at the 2010 NARST conference.

To protect the anonymity and integrity of the selection process, the Chair of the Equity and Ethics Committee will:

- Solicit, collect, and blind the applications.
- Not engage in the review of the candidates or cast votes for recipients, including the case of a tie.
- Distribute and synthesize the recommendations of the Committee.
- Report to the NARST Board of Directors and to the applicants regarding final awardees and alternates.

Any member of the NARST Equity and Ethics Committee applying for the scholarship will be excluded from the selection committee and the selection process.