



American Reading Forum

A Community of Literacy Scholars & Teachers

The Gary Moorman Early Career Literacy Scholar Award

The Gary Moorman Early Career Literacy Scholar Award is given to junior American Reading Forum (ARF) members who are at the early stages of their career (generally defined as the first five years post-doctorate). This annual award was established in 2017 and is named after Dr. Gary Moorman, Professor Emeritus, Appalachian State University, in honor of his leadership and mentoring of young scholars. The award includes both a monetary prize and a commemorative plaque.

Criteria for Consideration

The award targets early career ARF members. The primary criterion is engagement in innovative reading/literacy research that addresses critical questions about policy, theory, and/or instructional practice. Active participation in professional organizations, particularly ARF, will also be considered. Applications will be reviewed by the ARF Awards Committee, chaired by Dr. Vicky ZygourisCoe (vzygouri@ucf.edu).

Application materials include:

- (1) A nomination letter (maximum 1000 words) submitted by a current ARF member (self-nomination letters will not be accepted)
- (2) A statement about the importance of the applicant's research for the reading/literacy field (maximum of 1000 words).
- (3) A current curriculum vitae
- (4) Sample publications (maximum 2)

All application-related materials should be submitted in a single PDF document to Vicky Zygouris-Coe by **September 1**.