

# Virginia State Reading Association Teacher Research Grants 2008-2009 Call for Proposals

"My teaching practices will never be the same after my classroom research."



Teacher Research is a way that educators may examine their instructional practices in order to improve teaching and learning conditions for students. VSRA provides funding for K-12 teachers interested in planning, implementing, and sharing the results of their literacy-related research. Such work leads to long-term, meaningful change.

Grants of up to **\$1000.00** each will be awarded at the **42nd Annual VSRA Conference** in Arlington, VA, February 20-22, 2009. The grant program is open to full or part-time elementary and secondary teachers in Virginia. Applicants must be current VSRA members. Each applicant should submit a proposal that describes a research plan. A panel of teacher researchers will judge proposals. Recipients must attend the 2009 VSRA conference to receive their awards. They also will participate in a session designed to highlight their work at the 2010 conference. All recipients will receive a recent book of their choice on teacher research.

Proposals must be postmarked by **November 21, 2008**. Recipients will be notified by early February, 2009. For application information please contact:

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# **VSRA TEACHER RESEARCHER GRANTS**

## **Guidelines for Submitting a Proposal**

### **I. COVER PAGE**

Each application should include a cover sheet that has the name, address, phone number, email address, school, grade and/or subject taught for each teacher researcher involved in the project. No identifying information such as the names of schools or teachers should be on the proposal to provide for blind review.

### **II. PROPOSAL**

The proposal should be composed of four main sections: rationale, method, timeline and budget. The body of the proposal should be no longer than three typewritten pages, double-spaced. Attachments such as references, data collection tools, and the budget should be included as Appendices. **Five copies** of your proposal must be submitted. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive verification that your grant was received.

#### **A. Title**

#### **B. Rationale**

The proposal should include a rationale that addresses the following:

- What are the research questions?
- Why are these questions personally important to you?
- Why are these questions important to the field?

Note: Questions should be written in an open-ended format rather than yes/no questions.

#### **C. Methods**

The proposal should include a description of how you will design, implement, evaluate and share your findings. Provide descriptions of the following points:

- All participants and their roles
- How you will conduct the study
- Materials
- Data to be collected
- Analysis of data
- Sharing findings

#### **D. Timeline**

The proposal should include a timeline indicating when each aspect of your project will be accomplished.

#### **E. Appendices**

- Each submission should include a letter of support indicating permission for the research to be conducted in the school division and for the findings to be disseminated by VSRA. The letter should be written by the appropriate school official on the system's or school's letterhead.
- References
- Data collection tools
- Budget [Be specific]

**Submission Deadline:** All proposals must be postmarked on or before **November 21, 2008**.