**Mixed Methods International Research Association (MMIRA) MAXQDA**

**2018 Dissertation Awards**

**Application Deadline (extended): February 15, 2018**

Mixed Methods International Research Association in cooperation with MAXQDA welcomes applications for the MMIRA MAXQDA 2018 Dissertation Awards. These awards recognize a beginning scholar completing original research whose dissertation has made an outstanding contribution to the field of mixed methods research. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of MAXQDA, two awards will be made at the 2018 conference. Each award includes MMIRA sponsored conference registration; $1000 award to support travel expenses; and a license to MAXQDA Analytics Pro. Awardees are required to participate in the international conference and to make a presentation on the topic of the dissertation and cannot receive both the dissertation award and MMIRA Travel Grant.

The two MMIRA MAXQDA awards, including the honorarium, will be presented at MMIRA sponsored awards session during the 2018 MMIRA International Conference in Vienna, Austria (August 22-24, 2018). In addition, up to two additional awards will be made to recognize individuals who will receive Honorable Mentions. Attendance at the conference is not required for those receiving honorable mentions, but registration fees will be paid by MMIRA for awardees.

To be considered for the 2018 MMIRA Dissertation Award, the dissertation must have been defended successful between **November 2014 – November 2017**. The applicant must be a current MMIRA member at the time of application and award.

Complete applications must be emailed to the committee chair Elizabeth G. Creamer ([creamere@vt.edu)](mailto:creamere@vt.edu)) as a single PDF file on or before **February 15, 2018**. Put “Dissertation Award Application” in the email subject line.

The application must include the following:

* Demographic information including:
  + Contact information (name, email, phone, mailing address)
  + Dissertation title and name of institution, Faculty/Department that the dissertation was completed as a component of PhD and the date of defense
  + Supervisor(s) (name(s), institution/organization, Faculty/Department, email, phone, mailing address).
* Brief description of study including:
  + major dissertation research components (its purpose, research question(s), design, data collection, analysis and integration procedures, key findings, discussion, and implications) (max. 500 words)
  + contribution of this dissertation research to the field of mixed methods and why this dissertation should be considered for this award (max. 200 words)
  + strengths and limitations of the methodological approach and why this dissertation research can be considered of high quality (max. 200 words)
  + significance of findings and the impact of this dissertation research on theory and practice of mixed methods research (max. 200 words).
* Letter of support completed by the primary supervisor/committee chair (or designated alternate) providing an assessment of the applicant’s dissertation research with the focus on:
  + potential of contribution to field of mixed methods
  + strengths and limitations of the study
  + significance of the findings.
* A pdf copy of the dissertation.

**Timeline**

Submission Due: February 15, 2018

Notification Received: March 15, 2018

Confirmation of Attendance Required: April 1, 2018

**Evaluation Criteria**

1. Overall quality of completed research as reflected through consistency of the study purpose, research questions, methods, findings, and implications.

2. Originality of the study and the mixed methods approach.

3. Appropriateness and quality of the mixed methods approach used (rationale, design, data collection and analysis procedures, and validation criteria).

4. Quality and achieved depth of integration/synthesis of quantitative and qualitative study components, and their resulting meta-inferences

5. Significance of the contributions of the research to the field of mixed methods inquiry.

6. Quality of reflections on the contribution of mixed methods to the study.

7. Quality and clarity of writing.

**Process**

1. The chair will review all submission for the preliminary eligibility criteria.
2. Two committee members will review each candidate’s submission documents (##1-3 under *Submission Requirements* above) and submit a completed evaluation form.
3. The committee chair will prepare and distribute a short list of finalists.
4. Committee members will rank the submissions of the finalists.
5. If necessary, the committee will then consult via email or skype to select the winners (if one emerges), and if appropriate, honorable mentions.