

The International Literacy Association's Jeanne S. Chall Research Fellowship is a US\$5000 grant that was established to encourage and support promising scholars whose dissertation research addresses reading. The special emphasis of the fellowship is to support research efforts in the following areas: beginning reading (theory, research, and practice that improves the effectiveness of learning to read); readability (methods of predicting the difficulty of texts); reading difficulty (diagnosis, treatment, and prevention); stages of reading development; the relation of vocabulary to reading; and diagnosing and teaching adults with limited reading ability. Because this grant program has been established to honor and carry on the work to which Dr. Jeanne S. Chall dedicated her academic life, proposal excellence will be a primary consideration in the selection process.

## Eligibility

**All applicants *must* be current members of the International Literacy Association (ILA).** This grant is open to doctoral students who are planning or beginning their dissertations and to university-based graduate students who are embarking on their independent research studies on the topics noted above. Applicants may apply for more than one ILA research grant but may only accept one research award per year.

## Submission Timeline

- Late October 2018: Submissions open
- **March 15, 2019:** Proposal submission deadline (must be submitted electronically)
- May–June 2019: Applicants notified of the results via email.

## How to Apply

- Complete your submission online using ScholarOne (a web-based grant management system; previously Manuscript Central) at [https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/ILA\\_awards-grants](https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/ILA_awards-grants).
- **DO NOT** include your name, institutional affiliation, or any other personal information that will identify you (or any coapplicant) on any part of the proposal (other than the Profile page). The review process is conducted as a blind-review.
- Do not exceed the maximum character requirements. Please note that spaces and punctuation are included in the total count.

## Creating a Profile

All applicants must create a profile providing the following information in ScholarOne. If you are a returning user, please view or edit your profile to make sure it is current.

- Username and password
- First and last name
- Mailing address
- Phone number and e-mail address
- Institutional affiliation and position/title
- Your ILA member number (for membership inquiries, please contact ILA Customer Service at 800.336.7323 or 302.731.1600 or [customerservice@reading.org](mailto:customerservice@reading.org))

To become an ILA member or renew your membership go to [literacyworldwide.org/membership](http://literacyworldwide.org/membership).

## Application Data

- Title
- Short summary (2–3 sentences on purpose, method, and significance)
- Requested amount (US \$5000)
- Research methods that will be used (correlational, descriptive research, ethnography, experimental/quasi-experimental, historical, literature review, meta-analysis/quantitative research synthesis, qualitative, naturalistic/case study, single-subject, survey, time series analysis, other)
- Level of learners that research will cover

## Project Description

- Full project title (150 characters maximum)
- Abstract (700 characters maximum, describing the purpose, method, and potential significance of the proposed research)
- Proposed support start date (mm/dd/yyyy)
- Proposed support end date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## Research Description

The description of the proposed research should be as specific as possible and include the items below:

- **Statement of the research question:** Identify the research question, problem, or hypothesis to be studied (1,500 characters maximum)
- **Rationale:** Provide a detailed rationale for the study; relate the proposed research question to relevant, supporting research literature and data; and indicate how previous research and theoretical frameworks inform and justify the proposed research. The rationale should address the potential significance of the research on reading research and practice. (10,000 characters maximum)
- **Methodology:** Describe the method to be applied and include a description of subjects, materials, and procedures where appropriate. (10,000 characters maximum) Consider the following kinds of information:

- Population or data resource
- Sample methods (procedures and description as appropriate)
- Data collection or observation procedures, including instruments
- Data analysis framework and method
- Timeline and projected completion date

**Curriculum Vitae**

Describe your professional experience, education, and publications to date or in preparation. Substitute your name with the word "Author." Do not include your name and institutional affiliation; however, you may include your project title. (6,000 characters maximum)

**References**

Please provide complete bibliographic information for all sources cited in the proposal. References should be formatted using American Psychological Association (APA) style. To accommodate the blind review process, if the submitter's own publications are cited, the submitter should substitute the word *Author* in the citations (e.g., Author, 2018) and substitute all coauthor names with *Coauthor* (e.g., Author, Coauthor, 2018). (10,000 characters maximum)

**Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria**

A blind-review will be conducted by members of the ILA Jeanne S. Chall Research Fellowship/ILA Helen M. Robinson/ILA Steven A. Stahl Grant Committee. Recommendations for funding will be made to ILA's Board of Directors for final approval.

*The proposal will be judged on the following criteria.*

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
a. Significance of the research question and the potential findings.....	6
b. Rationale for the research .....	4
c. Appropriateness and adequacy of the methodology .....	6
d. Clarity and cohesion of the text .....	4

Criteria will be ranked from 1 (low) to 5 (high) then multiplied by the corresponding weights listed above for a possible total point value of 100.

**Grant Recipient Requirements and Funds**

Projects must be completed within two years of the award date. However, a one-year extension may be considered but must be requested via e-mail to Wendy Logan at [ILAAwards@reading.org](mailto:ILAAwards@reading.org). The grant recipient is expected to file an interim report providing an update on research at the midpoint of the study and a final report at the completion of the study.

The grant funds will be distributed in three payments. The first installment (45% of grant) will be disbursed at the beginning of the study; the second installment (45%) when an interim report is submitted; and the final installment (10%) upon receipt of the final report. *ILA does not support any indirect costs associated with its grants.*