

ABOUT THE AWARD

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Diane Lapp & James Flood Professional Collaborator Award recognizes an ongoing professional collaboration between two or three scholars who regularly contribute to the professional knowledge base of literacy educators.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Collaborator teams of two to three people are eligible to be nominated or self-nominated.
- Collaborators must be colleagues commonly associated as a professional team.
- Collaborators must have worked on multiple projects and put forth several contributions of an enduring and positive impact to the evolving field of literacy education over a period of at least five years. The work must be in literacy research and practice in the form of a series of publications or a substantial field-based project(s) that focuses on new literacies, literacy collaborations, or literacy engagement.

To be eligible, candidates must be ILA members in good standing and maintain active membership through **June 30, 2027**. Please note that candidates will be evaluated on work that has been completed prior to the date of application; research or projects planned for future implementation will not be considered.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be submitted through an [online application process](#). Supporting documentation is required in the body of the form, as a PDF attachment, or by linking to relevant material (such as a CV) provided that the source is reputable and up to date.

Candidates may self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague. Please note that **candidates who have been nominated by a colleague are no longer required to complete a separate application**.

Once submitted, nominations remain active for a total of three (3) years. Should candidates be nominated more than once, each individual nomination will still expire three (3) years after it was first submitted. In order to maintain eligibility during the three years, an active ILA membership must also be maintained. Note that nominees are encouraged to submit a new application if they have updated information they would like to share.

Recipients of the ILA Diane Lapp & James Flood Professional Collaborator Award are not eligible for future consideration. Please review the list of [past honorees](#) before submitting a nomination.

SUBMISSION TIMELINE

Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis. To be considered for the 2026 Diane Lapp & James Flood Professional Collaborator Award, **nomination forms must be completed and received no later than February 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.** Applicants will be notified of the results before June 30, 2026.

SELECTION PROCESS

The ILA Diane Lapp & James Flood Professional Collaborator Award Committee will review the completed applications and submitted supporting materials of all eligible candidates. Members of the ILA Diane Lapp & James Flood Professional Collaborator Award Committee may also choose to put forth additional candidates for consideration during the discussion and deliberation phases. Please note that all applications—self-submitted, nominated, and internal—will be given equal consideration.

Decisions will be made based on the candidates' body of work and the impact of their contributions. Additional factors such as timeliness, global influence, relevance, and representation may also apply. Please note that the award will be made only in those years when the committee concludes there is an application of high quality that meets the criteria.

Please direct any questions about eligibility, selection criteria, the nomination process, and/or the selection process to ILAAwards@reading.org.