

The purpose of this grant from the International Literacy Association (ILA) is to honor the memory and work of Steven A. Stahl through the encouragement and support of promising graduate students conducting classroom research in reading. This is an annual monetary award to one recipient of US\$1,000.

The ILA Steven A. Stahl Research Grant is sponsored through a generous donation from Katherine Stahl.

Submission Timeline

- Opens the week of **November 15, 2020**
- Closes **March 15, 2021**
- Applicants are notified of the results via email by the **end of June 2021**

Eligibility

- Candidate must be an ILA member.
- Graduate students who have at least three years of pre-K–12 teaching experience and wish to conduct classroom research in reading and literacy instruction are eligible for this grant.
- Research must be conducted in classroom(s), focus on improving reading instruction and children’s reading achievement, and be empirically rigorous. The research must be completed within two years. Applicants may apply for more than one ILA research grant but may only accept one research award per year.

To become an ILA member or renew your membership, please contact ILA Customer Service at 800.336.7323, 302.731.1600, or customerservice@reading.org.

To join or renew online, please visit <https://literacyworldwide.org/membership>.

How to Apply

Complete your submission using [our online application process](#).

Review Procedures and Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
• Significance of Research Question.....	4

- Theoretical Framework/Literature Review 4
- Rationale for the Research 4
- Appropriateness and Adequacy of the Methodology 4
- Significance/Implications for Practice and Research..... 4
- Clarity, Cohesion, and Specificity 4
- Budget and Timeline..... 4

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

- Decisions will be based on the quality of the application, relevance to the award’s intent, and the quality of supporting materials.
- The award will be made only in those years when the committee concludes there is an application of high quality.

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 email to 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.*

Upon completion of the project, the recipient is encouraged to submit an article for publication in an ILA journal or to present research findings at an ILA conference within two years of the award date. ILA has the right to consider the material developed under this grant for publication prior to its submission elsewhere.

Please direct any questions to ILAAwards@reading.org.