



Richard W. Clark Award for Exemplary Partner School Work 2018 Nomination Information

Deadline: August 1st, 2018

This award recognizes a partner school collaboration— public school, arts and science, and college or school of education—that is advancing the complex work of developing, sustaining, and renewing partner schools. And it recognizes the contributions of Richard W. Clark whose leadership in partner school research and practice continues to influence NNER partner schools. The setting and partner school award recipient will be recognized at the 2018 NNER annual conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

In his writing on partner schools, Clark communicates deep understanding of the range of collaboration and commitment needed to develop and sustain quality partner schools that address the Agenda for Education in a Democracy through the partner school functions of providing quality access to knowledge to all students, ensuring quality learning environments for preservice teachers, providing professional development for all adults (university and school faculty) engaged in the work, and promoting a culture of inquiry for renewal of school practices.

Partner School Award Criteria

Criteria include:

- Evidence of tripartite involvement in partner school work,
- Evidence of change in school practice as a result of the partner school involvement,
- Evidence of change in university practice as a result of the partner school involvement,
- Evidence of university and school collaboration to promote the partner school functions,
- Evidence of impact on learning for students, university faculty, teachers, administrators, parents, and/or other members of the school community,
- Evidence of democracy in the partner school policies and practices.

Application Process

Please include:

- A narrative of no more than 5 pages that addresses any of the six criteria, where the partnership excels. Description may include specific activities and initiatives, improvements over time, challenges discovered and addressed, and plans for further advancement of the work that demonstrate progress. Appendices may be included that illustrate the specific work described or provide visual examples of the partnership.
- Include a cover letter from the individual(s) who are submitting the nomination, providing some context for the nomination and contact information for the selection committee.

Please note that the NNER recognizes that all partner school work is developmental and that renewal is an ongoing aspect of the work, and therefore, the partner school work may be developing differently in the various aspects of the work.

Applications are due August 1st, 2018.



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Please send an electronic copy of the application to:

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attn: Clark Award

Selection Process

A panel of NNER tripartite representatives will review the entries and based on those reviews, a recipient will be identified. **Award recipients will be notified by August 10, 2018** in order to plan for representatives involved in the partner school work to be present at the 2018 NNER Annual Conference, October 10-12 to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Visit nnerpartnerships.org for more information.

The award recipients will be announced at a major session at the conference and have the opportunity to publicly share their work. Winners will be asked to create a short video presentation (no more than 8 minutes) highlighting the aspects and people involved in their project. This will support an understanding, appreciation, and hopeful replication of impactful programs and practices.

Please note this award recognizes the work and commitment of the school partners and promotes sharing and disseminating of ideas through a more visible venue. At the same time, the NNER acknowledges that throughout the Network at any point in time, there is exemplary work taking place advancing these and other areas crucial to our work.