

The WAC Awards

The Association for Writing Across the Curriculum and the WAC Clearinghouse sponsor awards that recognize

contributions to the WAC community through scholarship, service, and achievement.

Nominations are solicited prior to each International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, and awards winners are announced at the conference.



To nominate publications, individuals, or programs for an award, please visit the WAC Awards website at <https://wacawards.colostate.edu>. To view past recipients, visit the WAC Awards page at <https://wac.colostate.edu/community/awards/>.

Publication Awards

Best WAC Monograph

This award recognizes an authored book (including books by multiple authors) that makes an exceptional contribution to WAC scholarship, including (but not limited to) WAC programming, administration, pedagogy, and impact.

Best WAC Edited Collection

This award recognizes an edited collection that makes an exceptional contribution to WAC scholarship, including (but not limited to) WAC programming, administration, pedagogy, and impact.

Outstanding WAC Dissertation

This award recognizes a dissertation that makes an exceptional contribution to WAC scholarship, including (but not limited to) WAC programming, administration, pedagogy, and impact.

Best WAC Article or Chapter Focused on Research

This award recognizes a research-based article or chapter that makes an exceptional contribution to WAC. Nominated work should primarily offer the methodology and results of a research study, even if the findings have programmatic, theoretical, or pragmatic implications.

Best WAC Article or Chapter Focused on Pedagogy, Theory, or Practice

This award recognizes an article or chapter that makes an exceptional contribution to WAC scholarship in the areas of pedagogy, theory or practice. Nominated work should primarily offer

us theoretical ways of approaching WAC work, discussions of program design and operation, or insights regarding pedagogy, even if this work is based in research.

Achievement Awards

Early Career Contributions to the Field

This award recognizes early career scholars (i.e. graduate students and scholars in the first nine years of their academic career) who have made significant contributions to the field of WAC through scholarship or service.

Outstanding Contributions to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Field

This award recognizes scholars who have promoted diversity and inclusion in the field of WAC through scholarship and service.

Distinguished Fellow of the Association for Writing Across the Curriculum

This award recognizes distinguished scholars (i.e., scholars in field for at least 15 years) who have made significant contributions to the field of WAC through scholarship, service, and/or achievement. This is an award that continues beyond the year in which it was made.

Exemplary WAC Programs

The Exemplary WAC Program Awards series recognizes the extraordinary achievements of WAC directors and/or administrative teams to (1) establish, (2) maintain, and (3) sustain programs that foster and facilitate exemplary engagement with writing across the curriculum at their institution, as well as institutional commitments to support these achievements. Three awards will be issued each award cycle, corresponding with the years dedicated to program building.