

CRITERIA FOR THE MARGARET D. PUSCH FOUNDERS AWARD

The Margaret D. Pusch Founders Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated commitment and service to the intercultural relations field. The Award will be presented at the annual conference of the Society for Intercultural, Education, Training, and Research (SIETAR-USA). If a suitable candidate is not determined by the Award Committee in a given year, the Founders Award will not be given.

Areas of consideration are as follows:

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Publication of works on intercultural topics, including but not limited to:
 - Publication(s) in peer-reviewed journals
 - Published articles, books, or book chapters
- Work in educational settings, including but not limited to:
 - Teaching of intercultural subjects in degree and/or certificate programs
 - Delivery of workshops or seminars with an intercultural focus
 - Given presentations within the intercultural field, e.g., keynote addresses, conference presentations, plenary sessions, and the like
- Mentoring
 - Has an established record of mentoring young and/or new-to-the-field interculturalists

CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY

- Provision of pro bono and/or reduced rate sessions on intercultural issues to universities, community agencies or organizations
- Service on boards and taskforces of organizations that focus on intercultural issues, such as service with SIETAR organizations other than SIETAR-USA
- Service on boards and taskforces focusing on intercultural issues within colleges and universities
- Championing the message of SIETAR to various professional organizations and associations inside or outside of the intercultural relations field

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SIETAR

- Has exhibited a willingness to take on tasks and successfully complete them
- Active service as a SIETAR officer or committee member
- Other contributions to the organization, such as chairing a special task force or project

PROFESSIONALISM

The candidate should exemplify the highest standards of intercultural thought and practice, such as the following:

- Demonstrated understanding, respect for and valuing of cultural differences
- Interacts routinely with members of diverse cultures
- Regularly serves as a cultural bridge between diverse individuals or groups to foster intercultural dialogue and understanding
- Continually seeks opportunities to improve his or her own intercultural knowledge and skills

NOMINATION PROCESS

Members of any SIETAR around the globe are eligible for nomination for this award. Candidates must be nominated by someone other than themselves. The nomination requires support from a minimum of two other individuals who can speak to the individual's intercultural work and service. Nominations and supporting information will be in a written format. Nominations must be submitted based on the calendar established by the Selection Committee.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee will be appointed by SIETAR-USA's Board of Directors. The committee will comprise a minimum of three people, to include at least one SIETAR-USA board member.

Timeframe:

The award process is an annual process, beginning _____ and ending _____. The award stages are as follows:

- Nomination notice shared with SIETAR membership: _____
- Application deadline: _____
- Review of application: _____(month to month)
- Notification of award to successful candidate: _____

Award ceremony: (date of annual conference)

Note: All blanks in the "Selection Process" section are to be filled in by the selection committee.