



JEA ARI AWARD

ACTION RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION

The **JEA Action Research Initiative (ARI)** is a competitive grant program available to members in good standing to facilitate the development and implementation of groundbreaking projects in the field of Jewish education.

Action Research is a disciplined inquiry conducted by and for those taking the action. The primary reason for engaging in Action Research is to assist the *educator* in improving and/or refining his or her *school or a program of the school*.

Programs that are considered for awards include:

- ❖ Curriculum projects
- ❖ Evaluation instruments
- ❖ Creative arts programs
- ❖ Enrichment programs
- ❖ Computer and audio-visual materials
- ❖ Academic research projects

1- Select a focus:

What aspects of your school or of student learning do you wish to investigate?

2- Clarify your theories:

Identify the values, beliefs, and theoretical perspectives you hold related to your focus.

3- Identify your research questions; list them here.

4- How will you collect your data to insure that it is valid and reliable?

5- How do you anticipate using the data? Questions to consider may include:

- *What is the story told by this data?*
- *Why did the data play itself out this way?*
- *What are your future plans for the program?*

ARI prize recipients will be awarded a grant of up to \$1,000 to pursue their project. 50% of the award will be granted by August 1, 2018. Upon completion of your research, report your results and describe the informed action taken. Upon receipt, the remaining award will be granted.

For more information on the ARI award, or to take that first step, fill out this online form, or click here to download a pdf version of the proposal form. You can email it to jewisheducators@aol.com, writing "ARI proposal" in the subject line, or snail mail it to: Marshall Kupchan, Chair, JEA Action Research Initiative, Broadway and Locust Avenue, PO Box 413, Cedarhurst, NY 11516.

Applications for this year's ARI Award are due by June 15, 2018