



Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the *Harvard Educational Review* Editorial Board.

Please complete sections two and three of this application on separate sheets of paper and attach them to the application forms.

Please submit **six** copies of **all** sections of this application, along with one copy of each of your faculty evaluation forms and one copy of your transcript release statement to:

Harvard Educational Review
Attn: Selection Committee
8 Story Street, 1st Floor
Cambridge, MA 02138

Applications may be mailed or delivered in person and must be received by Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 5:00 PM. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

When you return the application, you must sign up for an interview. One-hour interview slots are scheduled between Friday, February 1 and Wednesday, February 6, 2007. The interview is a required part of the application process.

At the end of the interview, we will give you a sample manuscript. You will be asked to read the manuscript, comment on its strengths and weaknesses, and line edit the first two paragraphs. You will be asked to return the manuscript along with your editorial comments to the *HER* office within 48 hours. Please plan accordingly when scheduling the interview.

PLEASE NOTE

- It is your responsibility to ensure that your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applicants currently on academic probation are not eligible for selection to the *HER* Board.
- Historically, those who have fared better in the selection process have more background in their substantive fields and preferred methodologies in addition to more academic experience related to the work of the Editorial Board. While this usually describes doctoral students in their second year and beyond, we encourage first-year doctoral students to apply for the Editorial Board.
- The HGSE faculty must approve all candidates invited to join the 2008-2010 Editorial Board. Thus, at some point during the selection process, the Board will receive advice from an appointed faculty committee.
- We expect to inform you of our decision by early April.
- You may e-mail questions to Jacy Ippolito and Jennifer Samson (the current Board Co-Chairs) at HER_Community@gse.harvard.edu.



SECTION 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____ Summer Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____ Year: _____

Program: _____

Advisor Name: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

SECTION 2

Please write a statement of purpose addressing the following questions in no more than a total of two double-spaced pages:

1. Why do you want to be on the Editorial Board?
2. What skills, accomplishments, or experiences have you had that directly relate to the work of the Board or address your qualifications as a Board member?
3. What led you to pursue your current graduate studies?
4. What are your academic/research interests and areas of expertise?

SECTION 3

Please submit a resume of no more than three pages that outlines the following:

- Your academic background, including fields of study
- Your professional work and/or research experience
- Any skills, extracurricular involvement, conference presentations and/or publications that you think are relevant
- All research methods classes you have taken at the undergraduate, master's, or doctoral levels

SECTION 4

Please submit a writing sample of 5 to 10 double-spaced pages (1-inch margins). Please keep in mind that this sample will be evaluated for its clarity, presentation, and cohesiveness of content/argument. This writing sample can be any kind of **unpublished** writing (e.g., a literature review, analytic paper, or reflection) that you think will convey your strengths to the Board.

SECTION 5

Please submit the attached waiver form with your signature authorizing *HER* to obtain an unofficial copy of your HGSE transcript directly from the Office of the Registrar. If you are applying from another degree program within Harvard, please include an official, sealed transcript for your current graduate program with your application.

Since first-year doctoral students will not have final course grades in their doctoral programs at the time this application is submitted, we ask that first-years complete the "Fall 2007 Course Assignment Grade Report," which is attached to this application. If you are a first-year doctoral student who recently completed a master's degree program, the Board would still appreciate you submitting a complete "Fall 2007 Course Assignment Grade Report" sheet, in addition to seeing your transcript.

If you believe your grades do not give an accurate picture of your academic history please attach a brief explanation to your application. Only your graduate program grades from Harvard will be reviewed, so there is no need to submit transcripts from other programs/universities.

SECTION 6

Membership on the Board is a two-year commitment — including summers — that begins in May 2008, with new Board members' first meeting occurring on **Thursday, May 1, 2008**. The policy manual of the *Harvard Educational Review* Editorial Board states the following:

Attendance at weekly Board meetings is critical and Board members should be well-aware of the commitment Board membership entails. As professionals, our expectation is that attendance at Board meetings is the highest priority, and that absences may occur only under extenuating circumstances.

There are eight weeks of scheduled Board vacations, including during reading periods, major holidays, and special events. Those vacation dates for the 2008-2009 school year are tentatively scheduled for the following dates:

- June 5 (Commencement)
- August 21 (vacation)
- August 28 (vacation)
- November 20 (Thanksgiving)
- December 18 (Winter Break)
- December 25 (Winter Break)
- January 1 (Winter Break)
- January 8 (Reading Period)

The Board meets during Spring Break and the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association.

As Board membership is a substantial time commitment, we ask that you briefly identify any May 2007 through April 2008 meetings – other than those listed above – that you will not be able to attend. Please include extenuating circumstances including academic commitments, travel plans, extracurricular commitments, jobs, and conference attendance. Please note that in the past, accommodations have been made for some Board members who have had to miss multiple meetings in a row due to serious extenuating circumstances.

Please email Jacy Ippolito or Jennifer Samson at HER_community@gse.harvard.edu if you have questions about the *HER* time commitment.

SECTION 7

Please list the names, addresses, and contact information, including phone numbers e-mail addresses, of two people who will provide recommendations on your behalf. We strongly suggest that both evaluations be from members of your school’s faculty (one from your doctoral advisor, if appropriate) or people who can speak about your academic background and have firsthand knowledge of your writing and analytical skills and ability to collaborate. For example, if you are a HGSE student, we recommend that at least one of your evaluators be a member of the HGSE faculty. Applicants who are first-year doctoral students **must** include at least one recommendation from a faculty member in a course the applicant is currently taking or has taken at HGSE.

You will be responsible for asking your recommenders to write on your behalf and following up with them to be sure that they provide their evaluations on time. An evaluation form is attached at the end of this document. **Your evaluators may either return completed forms to you in a sealed envelope signed across the back or submit them directly to *HER*.**

Recommendations must be received by Thursday, January 17, 2008.

Recommender 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

Office Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Recommender 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

Office Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Faculty Letter of Recommendation Form

Applicant Name

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The above applicant has applied for a position on the *Harvard Educational Review* Editorial Board and has provided your name as a recommender on her/his behalf. Your insight is particularly valuable to our selection process, and we appreciate your candor.

Evaluator: _____

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

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Letter of recommendation forms must be received by Thursday, January 17, 2008.



To be completed by the Recommender:

1). For each of the following categories, please rate the applicant's skills on a scale of 1 to 5, with **1** as **low** and **5** as **high**, in relation to other doctoral students whom you have taught in the past few years. This rating should accompany your letter of recommendation, not replace it.

	Low			High	
Analytical proficiency	1	2	3	4	5
Writing skills	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to collaborate	1	2	3	4	5
Scholarly promise	1	2	3	4	5
Overall potential contribution to the Editorial Board	1	2	3	4	5

2). The *Harvard Educational Review* would appreciate your evaluation (*below or on an attached sheet*) of the applicant's capacity to make a meaningful contribution as an Editor of *HER*. It will be helpful for us to know how long, and in what way, you have known the applicant and for you to discuss in further detail the characteristics of the applicant that you reported on above.



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Transcript Release Statement

I, _____, authorize the *Harvard Educational Review* to obtain a copy of my Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) transcript for consideration as part of my application for membership on the 2008-2010 *Harvard Educational Review* Editorial Board. I understand that my transcript may be reviewed by HGSE faculty.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Harvard I.D.#: _____



Fall 2007 Course Assignment Grade Report

For first-year applicants only

Applicant Name

In the spaces below, please report all grades you have received on assignments in your Fall 2007 classes. If the grades depart from the typical framework (e.g., a test that had 200 total possible points instead of 100, or a paper that was not given a typical letter grade), please include the appropriate contextual details. If you have not received any grades in a given class at the time this application is due, please note this as well.

If you believe your grades do not give an accurate picture of your academic history please attach a brief explanation to your application.

Course #1 Title & Instructor:

Final Course Grade, if known:

Assignment	Description	Grade

Course #2 Title & Instructor:

Final Course Grade, if known:

Assignment	Description	Grade



Course #3 Title & Instructor:

Final Course Grade, if known:

Assignment	Description	Grade

Course #4 Title & Instructor:

Final Course Grade, if known:

Assignment	Description	Grade

Course #5 Title & Instructor:

Final Course Grade, if known:

Assignment	Description	Grade

Course #6 Title & Instructor:

Final Course Grade, if known:

Assignment	Description	Grade