



2020

ARES Awards

The American Real Estate Society is pleased to announce the winners of the 2020 ARES Awards.

The Graaskamp Award

Lin Zhenguo, Florida International University

The Graaskamp Award recognizes extraordinary iconoclastic thought and/or action throughout a person's career in the development of a multi-disciplinary philosophy of real estate.

Practitioner-Scholar Award

Joshua Harris, Skanska USA

This award represents the highest recognition by ARES of scholarly work in the real estate discipline. For contributions to the body of real estate knowledge that are highly regarded by real estate academics, and that have been adopted and used by practitioners.

Education Award

Norm Miller, University of San Diego

This award is granted to a scholar who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of real estate education through innovative teaching methodology, an influential textbook, and/or advancing real estate education around the world.

The Theron R. Nelson Presidential Award

Sofia Dermisi, University of Washington

Theron R. Nelson Presidential Award is given in recognition of the outstanding contribution to the betterment of the organization through the tireless and unselfish efforts during the term as President 2019-2020.

The Pioneer Award

Ken Lusht, Florida Gulf Coast University

The Pioneer Award recognizes and honors people who are (1) at the end of their career and retiring, and (2) have made a lasting contribution of some kind to real estate education and/or research during their career.

The David Ricardo Medal

Ko Wang, Johns Hopkins University

The David Ricardo Medal recognizes a person who has created a significant body of published research in academic and refereed professional journals, spanning at least two decades, that includes multiple important, influential writings in journals and/or books. This award represents the highest recognition by ARES of scholarly work in the real estate discipline, for contributions to the body of real estate knowledge that are highly regarded by real estate academics, and that have been adopted and used by practitioners.

The Kinnard Young Scholar Award

Will Doerner, Federal Housing Finance Agency

The Kinnard Young Scholar Award originally recognized an outstanding young real estate scholar under the age of 40, but was amended to recognize an outstanding scholar in an earlier stage of the academic career. This award acknowledges outstanding research contributions in the early years of a researcher's career.

The Richard Ratcliff Award

Not awarded in 2020

The Richard Ratcliff Award recognizes a scholar who has created a significant single innovative research contribution that extends the real estate discipline, introduces a new paradigm, and pushes the envelope of real estate knowledge. This award may recognize an individual scholar for a single innovative

The ARES Distinguished Service Award

Not awarded in 2020

The ARES Distinguished Service Award honors academics, scholars and/or practitioners who have diligently served the American Real Estate Society over a decade or more, but may never have been president.

ARES and the Awards Committee wish to thank our many distinguished nominees and the generous sponsors of the awards.