Information for Applicants: 2020-21 Recipients

Research Award

Objective

The ABPN Research Award supports research projects related to the mission of the ABPN, which is to promote and assess the competency of psychiatry and neurology candidates for initial and continuing certification (maintenance of certification). While any projects relevant to the mission of the ABPN will be considered, the ABPN is particularly interested in research in the following areas:

- Effect of initial or continuing certification on quality of patient care
- Evaluation of innovative educational programs for effective residency and fellowship training of psychiatrists and neurologists
- Evaluation of innovative lifelong learning programs to support psychiatrists and neurologists in providing excellent care for their patients
- Validity and reliability of state-of-the-art testing methods to evaluate candidate and diplomate competencies
- Value of initial and continuous certification
- Relationship of certification to training, clinical practice, and lifelong learning
- Patient and public perceptions of board certification
- Psychiatry and neurology workforce trends

It is also expected that projects will not focus on the development of commercial products.

Funding

Each year, up to two psychiatry and two neurology awards will be made with a maximum amount of funding of $100,000 per award. This amount is intended to cover salary, fringe benefits, and other costs. No indirect costs will be covered. The projects may take up to two years to be completed.

Eligibility

Applicants must:
- hold a faculty appointment in a psychiatry or neurology department (or its equivalent) in a U.S. LCME-accredited medical school
- comply with the ABPN’s conflict of interest policies and procedures

If the applicant is an M.D. or D.O., they must:
- be certified by the ABPN
- participate in the ABPN’s continuing certification (maintenance of certification) program
- hold an unrestricted license to practice medicine in a state, commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States
Application

Applicants must submit a completed Application Form and any related documentation by **August 12, 2019**, to:

Chair, Research Award Committee  
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology  
7 Parkway North  
Deerfield, IL  60015

Applications may also be emailed to: **djuul@abpn.com**

Selection

Awardees will be selected through a peer-review process managed by the ABPN’s Research Award Committee that includes ABPN directors and neurologists and psychiatrists nominated by other organizations.

**Awards will be announced by November 1, 2019, with funding to start on January 1, 2020 (or later in the calendar year, if requested by the applicant and approved by the committee).**

Requirements

Recipients will be required to:

- provide a progress report to the ABPN by October 1, 2020  
- provide a final report to the ABPN within 4 months of the project completion date  
- recognize the ABPN in any presentations, publications, or products related to the research project

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