

## **Guidelines for Applicants for the ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award and the ABPN Research Award**

The ABPN initiated these awards to support psychiatry and neurology faculty members in carrying out projects relevant to the mission of the ABPN, and the objectives of each are described below. (More detailed descriptions are available on the ABPN website.)

The objective of the ABPN **Faculty Innovation in Education Award** is to support the development of innovative education and/or assessment projects that promote effective residency/fellowship training or lifelong learning of practicing psychiatrists and neurologists. While the Education Award may have an evaluation component, the focus is on the development of an educational and/or assessment product.

The objective of the ABPN **Research Award** is to support 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). The focus of the Research Award is on deepening our understanding of aspects of the development, maintenance, and assessment of competence in psychiatry/neurology.

Here are some general guidelines for writing an application for one of these awards:

- ▶ Clearly and succinctly describe the aims of your project and its potential contributions to the psychiatry/neurology fields.
- ▶ The budget and personnel resources should be realistic and clearly linked to, and adequate for, the work that is being proposed.
- ▶ The project should be feasible in the 2-year timeframe of the awards.
- ▶ The project personnel should have the background and experience to conduct the project.
- ▶ There should be appropriate support from your institution (especially protected time to work on the project).
- ▶ Proofread carefully. Grammatical and spelling mistakes will undermine your credibility.

For the **Faculty Innovation in Education Award:**

- ▶ The educational product should be innovative.
- ▶ The educational product should potentially be transportable to other sites (at no or a minimum cost).

For the **Research Award:**

- ▶ The research project should be innovative.
- ▶ The hypothesis(es) being tested should be clearly stated.
- ▶ The research should be grounded in the existing literature.
- ▶ The research design/methodology and statistical analyses should be clearly described and appropriate.