Education Advisory Committee Dissertation Award

Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (Div. 40) Dissertation Award
The goal of this $1,250 award is to support basic or applied graduate student research that is relevant to the field of clinical neuropsychology.

**Sponsor:** Division 40

**Description:**
The Education Advisory Committee of Div. 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology) is pleased to announce our annual SCN Dissertation Awards. The goals of these awards are to 1) support basic or applied graduate student research that is relevant to the field of clinical neuropsychology and 2) foster the development of students as scholars and leaders in SCN.

Two awards will be distributed. Each award comes with $1,250 that can be used to support direct dissertation costs and/or the costs of travel to present findings at the APA Convention. All awardees will be expected to present their dissertation findings at the APA Convention within two years of award receipt.

The application deadline is November 1st, 2019. Final award decisions will be made in mid-December and funds will be available by Jan. 1, 2020.

Amount: $1,250 for each award

**Eligibility:**
- Graduate students enrolled full time in an APA-approved graduate program.
- Demonstrated interest in research in the field of clinical neuropsychology.
- Student membership in Div. 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology).
- Submission of a well-developed proposal with identified advisor.
- Proof of completion of successful proposal meeting is strongly encouraged.
- Agreement to present findings of the project at an APA meeting within two years of award receipt.
- Agreement to participate in future Div. 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology) committees.

**Funding requirements**
- Award funds are to support only direct dissertation costs and/or the costs of travel to present findings at the APA Convention.
- Direct costs include, but are not limited to: payment of participants or purchase of equipment, software, or books directly relevant to the proposed research project.
- The funds cannot be used for indirect costs such as salary, travel, personal computer or class textbooks.
- Release of funds are contingent on
  - Completion of successful proposal meeting.
  - Proof of IRB submission.
  - Written agreement to present the findings of the project at the APA Convention within two years of award receipt.
  - Written agreement of willingness to participate in future Div. 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology) committees.
Awardees will be required to submit semi-annual reports detailing their progress on the project and a formal accounting of their use of the distributed funds.

APA policy requires release of funds to the institution's sponsored research department.

**How to Apply:**

**Application requirements:**

- **Project Description:** Please provide a description of the intended research, not to exceed two pages with 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Your description should include: a brief background, significance, methods, projected date of proposal meeting, and a project timeline. This does not include references, which are to be included on separate page(s). Please adhere to APA format when citing references in-text and when listing references in the bibliography.

- **Budget Justification:** Please outline all expenses and use of funds for the project, not to exceed one page. This may include direct costs and/or your intent on using the funds for travel to the APA Convention, to present your findings.

- **Personal Statement:** Please provide a personal statement, not to exceed one page. Your personal statement should include: background information about your research experience and level of interest/commitment to clinical neuropsychology and SCN, why you believe you should receive the award, significance of this specific project, future directions for this research and your future career goals.

- **Curriculum Vitae:** Please provide your CV.

- **Two Letters of Support:** Please provide two letters in support of your application. One letter should come from your advisor, and one from another program faculty member or research mentor.

**Submission instructions**

Project description, budget justification, personal statement, and curriculum vitae (in that order) are to be submitted in a single PDF file by the deadline to the email listed below. NOTE: letters of support are to be sent separately by each letter-writer to the same email listed below.

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**Review criteria**

- Applicant's academic and research record.
- Significance, innovativeness, approach/methods and feasibility of the proposed project.
- Applicant’s commitment to clinical neuropsychology and SCN.
- Relevance of project to the mission of Div. 40 (Society for Clinical Neuropsychology).
Past Recipients:

2019
Catherine Sumida, Washington State University
“Medication Adherence Functional Capacity in the Aging Population: Development of an Ecologically Validated Assessment”

Alyssa De Vito, Louisiana State University
“The Predictive Utility of Different Measures of Intraindividual Cognitive Variability as an Early Marker of Cognitive and Functional Decline in Older Adulthood”

2018
Madeleine L. Werhane, SDSU/UCSD
“Characterizing the effects of vascular and genetic risk on brainstem white matter tract microstructure in older adults with mild cognitive impairment”

2017
Sarah Jurick, SDSU/UCSD
“Markers of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Integration of In Vivo Myelin Imaging, Neuropsychological Measures of Processing Speed, and Subjective Post-concussive Symptoms”

2016
Tanisha Hill-Jarrett, University of Florida
“Attention Systems and Their Interactions Following Traumatic Brain Injury: The Role of White Matter Changes in Frontoparietal Networks”

2015
Samantha L. Allison, Washington University St. Louis
"Spatial Navigation in Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease"

2014
Kelsey Thomas, University of Florida
"Understanding Errors in Complex Everyday Cognitive Tasks in Older Adults"

2013
Alicia Janos, Washington University in St. Louis
"Relationship between Serum Biomarkers and Three-Month Outcome following Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury"