

Division 45 Student Awards for Research and Service

I. Distinguished Student Research Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding psychological research on ethnic minority issues conducted primarily by a graduate student, including –but not limited to- dissertation research. Candidates whose goals and professional development are consistent with a career involving the psychological study of ethnic minority issues will be given preference for this award. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association and consists of a certificate of recognition and an honorarium.

Eligibility requirements: Nominees must be matriculated graduate students (including pre-doctoral interns), and must be student affiliates of Division 45 at the time their nomination materials are submitted.

Submission requirements: Self-nominations are accepted. A completed nomination should include each of the following five components and **be received no later than January 16, 2009.**

1. A 1-pg. (Maximum) cover letter written by the nominee detailing her/his professional interests, experience, and career plans, along with their relevance to the purpose of this award.
2. A 2-pg (Maximum) summary of the research. Please do not submit a list of references with your summary (although citations may be included in the text).
3. A 3-pg. (Maximum) abbreviated Curriculum Vitae.
4. A 1-pg. (Maximum) letter of recommendation from an advisor or professor which must:
 - a. Include statement that the research being submitted for consideration was primarily conducted by the graduate student, and that the graduate student is anticipated to be the first author on any publications arising from this research.
 - b. Indicate the student's good standing in the program.
5. A copy of the research paper (A Maximum of 30 pages in APA format, including tables/figures and references). Dissertation proposals may be submitted BUT must include a section discussing anticipated results and their implications.

II. Distinguished Student Service Award: The purpose of this award is to honor a graduate student who has made outstanding service or clinical contributions targeted at psychological issues of importance among ethnic minorities. Candidates whose goals and professional development are consistent with a career involving service in the area of ethnic minority psychology will be given preference for this award. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association and consists of a certificate of recognition and an honorarium. Service contributions can include:

- Development of creative educational programs or other novel activities in the advancement of psychological service to, or the psychological study of, ethnic minorities.
- Efforts to increase funding for agencies providing psychological service to ethnic minorities, or psychological research on ethnic minority issues.
- Efforts related to legislation affecting psychological issues of importance to ethnic minorities.
- Involvement in policy issues that enhance the psychological services available to, or the psychological inquiry involving, ethnic minorities.
- Initiating programs that target the psychological needs of ethnic minorities, or substantive involvement in the development, evaluation, implementation, or improvement of said programs (e.g., counseling and support groups).

Eligibility requirements: Nominees must be matriculated graduate students (including pre-doctoral interns), and must be student affiliates of Division 45 at the time their nomination materials are submitted.

Submission requirements: Self-nominations are accepted. A completed nomination should include each of the following four components and **be received no later than January 16, 2009.**

- 1) A 2-pg. (Maximum) cover letter written by the nominee detailing her/his professional interests, experience, and career plans;
- 2) Two letters of support (2-pg. Maximum) detailing the nominee's service contributions to the psychology of ethnic minorities;
- 3) A current copy of the nominee's Curriculum Vitae;
- 4) A letter from the chair of the dissertation committee and/or training director indicating the student's good standing in the program.

For both awards, electronic submissions should be sent to Awards Chair Dr. Beth Boyd at beth.boyd@usd.edu.