New Rising Investigator Award Nomination Deadline Extended

January 21, 2008

The SNRS Research Interest Group on Aging would like to inform members that the deadline for the new Rising Investigator Award has been extended to Thursday, January 31, 2008.

Rising Investigator Award Qualifications

1. Nominee meets eligibility criteria as delineated on the award guidelines (see below).
2. The nomination packet adheres to published guidelines for completeness.
3. Nominee's research demonstrates adherence to professional standards related to quality, rigor, and scholarship.
4. Nominee's research significantly enhances gerontological nursing knowledge or practice.
5. Letter of reference provides support for the significance of the contribution to gerontological nursing.
6. Nominee will attend the 22nd annual SNRS Research Conference, February 21-23 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize the contribution of a rising investigator who has conducted gerontological nursing research, which has the potential to enhance the science and practice of gerontological nursing.

Eligibility Requirements/Award Guidelines

Each nominee for the SNRS Aging/Gerontology RIG Rising Investigator Award must:

- Be a regular member of SNRS in good standing.
- Be a member of the SNRS Aging/Gerontology RIG.
- Have a minimum of two data-based research publications in peer reviewed journals.
- Adhere to the nomination process as outlined below.

Nomination Procedure

Nominations must be made by an active SNRS member (regular, student, or retired member); self-nominations will be accepted. Each nomination packet should include:

- The current curriculum vitae of the nominee.
- A complete nomination form with the signature of the nominator.
• One letter of support that addresses the significance of the nominee's research contributions to gerontological nursing practice.
• A PDF copy of the two publications that demonstrates the quality and rigor of the research.

Submit the nomination packet by: e-mail attachment to LeflerLeanne@uams.edu. **The final deadline to receive nominations is January 31, 2008.**

NOTE: The nominator will receive e-mail notification that the nomination was received within five days of submission. If notification is not received, contact LeflerLeanne@uams.edu.

**Selection Process**

The SNRS Aging/Gerontology RIG Awards Committee (Dr. Leanne Lefler, Co-chair, with two appointed members) will evaluate the nominations based on the published criteria and make recommendations to the Chairperson of the Aging/Gerontology RIG. The committee reserves the right to request additional materials from the nominator to aid in judging the submission. The award recipient will be notified by February 11, 2008. The award recipient will be presented with a certificate during the Aging/Gerontology RIG meeting held in conjunction with the SNRS annual meeting. Following award presentation, the recipient will be asked to make a brief presentation (five minutes) about their research.

Next year we would like to consider adding two additional awards: a Dissertation Award (this would be for those who graduated during the previous year) and a Senior Researcher Award.

Thank you for taking the time to submit an award nomination. We look forward to reviewing the nominations and announcing the winner.

Sincerely,

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