

SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY
2009 PRIZE COMPETITION
GEORGE N. THOMPSON AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

PURPOSE

The Society of Biological Psychiatry established the George N. Thompson Award for Distinguished Service in 1982. The award recognized Dr. George N. Thompson's role as one of the founders of the Society in 1944 and his contributions over the years to the growth of the Society.

GUIDELINES

1. The award is intended to honor members of the Society who have given outstanding service to promote the welfare of the organization.
2. The recipient may be honored for work in the areas of leadership, governance, development of publications, special projects, financial contributions, or other service recognized as distinguished by the Council.
3. The award will be advertised yearly, but the Council reserves the right to make no award in any year.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Members of the Society should submit a letter describing the distinguished work of the member being nominated.
2. The award committee will review all nominations and recommend a recipient to the Council for approval.
3. The award will be presented by the President of the Society at the 64th Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada on May 16, 2009.
4. Nominations will be received until 5:00 pm eastern time on January 16, 2009.

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**SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY
2009 PRIZE COMPETITION
GOLD MEDAL AWARD**

PURPOSE

The Gold Medal award was established by the Society of Biological Psychiatry to honor pioneering contributions to the field. A gold medal and citation are given for significant and sustained work that advances and extends knowledge in biological psychiatry. The Committee listed below, subject to approval by the Council of the Society, determines the recipient. The Committee is chaired by the current President and is composed of the immediate past Presidents of the Society. Committee members are not eligible for the Gold Medal Award. The following conditions apply:

GUIDELINES

1. All scientists working in the field of biological psychiatry including, but not limited to, individuals from academic institutions, foundations, governmental, industrial and research organizations regardless of age, sex, race or nationality shall be eligible.
2. Nominees need not be members of the Society of Biological Psychiatry.
3. The decision of the Awards Committee shall be based on the nominee's scientific accomplishments, their independence, originality, and impact; their development of new concepts, theories and techniques, that constitute a definitive, mature and significant contribution to knowledge sustained over a period of years.
4. The decision of the Award Committee shall be final, subject to approval by the Council of the Society. An award may be made every year, but the Awards Committee and the Council reserve the right to make no award in any year.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Members of the Society or members of other national or international scientific associations may submit nominations.
2. Submit a letter describing the nominee's contributions to the field.
3. The President will contact nominators of the best possible candidates requesting additional information including a list of the candidate's major achievements, curriculum vitae of the candidate, and up to ten of the candidate's most important publications.
4. The award will be presented by the President of the Society at the 64th Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada on May 16, 2009.
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**SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY
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A.E. BENNETT RESEARCH AWARDS**

PURPOSE

The Society of Biological Psychiatry offers annual awards of \$2,000 each in basic science and in clinical science for the purpose of stimulating international research in biological psychiatry by young investigators. The A.E. Bennett Neuropsychiatric Research Foundation makes these awards possible.

GUIDELINES

1. Candidates shall either (a) have not passed their 45th birthday by January 1 for the year of the award, or (b) have not been engaged in research for greater than 10 years following award of their terminal degree or the end of formal clinical/fellowship training, whichever is later.
2. The Department Chairman may submit the name or names of their best young faculty members as candidates for the basic science and clinical research awards.
3. Candidates need not be current members of the Society of Biological Psychiatry.
4. The candidate need only write a brief description of their research, submit 2-3 published or submitted papers and arrange for two letters of support (at least one of the letters needs to be from a member of the Society).
5. The prize will be awarded based on a body of work rather than a single paper.
6. More than one author may be listed on the papers, but the candidate shall be the first author. As such, he/she is representing that the idea for and the execution of the study is clearly and substantially attributable to the first author. Simple administrative or economic support without scientific contribution does not merit authorship.
7. Although the research is not to be judged in comparison with the work of the more senior investigators, special consideration will be given to the originality of the approach and independence of thought evident in the submission.
8. The award will be presented by the President of the Society at the 64th Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada on May 16, 2009.
9. Nominations will be received until 5:00 pm eastern time on January 16, 2009.

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**SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY
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ZISKIND-SOMERFELD RESEARCH AWARDS**

PURPOSE

The Society of Biological Psychiatry offers an annual award of \$2,500 in either basic or clinical research for the purpose of stimulating investigations in biological psychiatry by senior investigators who are members in good standing of the Society of Biological Psychiatry. The Ziskind-Somerfeld Research Foundation makes this award possible.

GUIDELINES

1. The *Biological Psychiatry* editorial office will provide a list of the 10 top-ranking articles (as rated by referees) published in *Biological Psychiatry* during the past year to the Ziskind-Somerfeld Award Committee to review and make a final award selection.
2. Candidates will be at least thirty-five years of age at the time of submission. When more than one investigator is listed as an author on the submitted work, the principal investigators (first and last authors) must be over the age of 45.
3. The research will be judged in comparison with the work of other senior investigators. Special consideration is given to the originality of the approach and independence of thought evident in the submission.
4. The principal investigators must be members in good standing of the Society of Biological Psychiatry.
5. The studies and the data must not have been published elsewhere.
6. The award will be presented by the President of the Society at the 64th Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada on May 16, 2009.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. No submission is required to be considered for this award.
2. The *Biological Psychiatry* editorial office will provide a list of the 10 top-ranking articles (as rated by referees) published in *Biological Psychiatry* during the past year to the Ziskind-Somerfeld Award Committee to review and make a final award selection.

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**SOCIETY OF BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS**

PURPOSE

The Society of Biological Psychiatry offers International Travel Fellowships of up to US \$1,500 each to promising young investigators under the age of 35 from less-developed and less well-funded countries of the five IBRO Regions (Africa, Asian/Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, Western Europe) who would benefit from attending the annual meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry. This program will provide exposure of the fellowship recipients to the best science the Society has to offer and facilitate the professional contacts that may yield enduring collaborative and collegial relationships.

GUIDELINES

1. Nominees must be from a less developed and less well-funded country.
2. Nominees must be less than 35 years of age.
3. Recipients will receive a travel stipend up to \$1,500 to help defray travel costs to attend the meeting.
4. The award will be presented by the President of the Society at the 64th Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Canada on May 16, 2009.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Nominees should submit a copy of their CV along with a brief statement noting any special reasons why attendance at the Society of Biological Psychiatry's annual meeting will aid the nominee's career development.
2. Nominees should indicate if they plan to present at this annual meeting.
3. Nominees should indicate if they are supported by other grants or sponsorship for travel.
4. The award committee listed below will recommend recipients to the Council.
5. Nominations will be received until 5:00 pm eastern time on January 16, 2009.

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TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS

Supported by Eli Lilly and Company, Elsevier Science,
and the Society of Biological Psychiatry

PURPOSE

The training of a new generation of psychiatric academicians is a major objective of the Society of Biological Psychiatry. Participation in professional meetings, where new information is exchanged and contacts are made, can have a critical impact on the career of a developing clinician-scientist. In recognition of the importance of academic exchange, the Society of Biological Psychiatry, through an educational grant from Eli Lilly and Company, Forest Laboratories and Elsevier Science, is pleased to announce the continuation of annual Travel Fellowships. Each Fellowship will provide \$1,500 to help defray the cost of attending the Society's Annual Meeting. In addition to the stipend and the opportunity to attend sessions of interest to them, Fellows also receive certificates of excellence and participate in a special ceremony held during the meeting in their honor. To receive the travel award, you are expected to attend the entire meeting and be present for the recognition events.

GUIDELINES

1. For medical graduates, each University Department of Psychiatry in the United States, Canada and Mexico may nominate one candidate for this award. Medical graduates must be in their third, fourth, or fifth year of residency or in a *bona fide* research training program or subspecialty training program within four years of leaving a general psychiatry residency training program are eligible for consideration. Recipients will be limited to one award during their training. In addition to a letter of nomination by the Department Chair and/or Training Director, applicants must submit a current curriculum vita and a one-page statement of career interests and objectives. Additional letters of support from academic mentors are welcomed.
2. For PhD neuroscientists, applicants must be in a post-doctoral training position and be within 5 years of receipt of their PhD. Recipients will be limited to one award during their training. A letter of nomination by the Department or Program Chair is required in addition to a current curriculum vita and a one-page statement of career interests and objectives.
3. Applicants will be selected on the basis of past excellence and potential for professional growth in activities pertaining to academic biological psychiatry and clinical neuroscience. Letters of nomination and all supporting material must be submitted by January 16, 2009.
4. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.

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