



PTAG STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this award is to promote interest in, and appreciation for, research related to and advancing the physical therapy profession.

NATURE AND STIPULATIONS OF THE AWARD

- 1) The award recipient is expected to attend the Fall PTAG meeting, and to present the research in a poster presentation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1) The individual must be a member of PTAG. The research project must have been completed while the student was enrolled in an entry level or post professional physical therapy program. The project must have been completed within the past year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1) The individual must submit the following:
 - a. One (1) copies of the abstract, completed in accordance with the PTAG Student Research Award Abstract Submission Guidelines.
 - b. One (1) verification of enrollment in a physical therapy or post-graduate program. Appropriate verification includes a brief statement from the program director or registrar, or a current transcript.
 - c. One (1) letter of recommendation. This letter should speak to how the research project was carried out, in terms of ethical and professional conduct.
 - d. Email or electronic submissions are encouraged.
 - e. Please send this information only. Do not use binders, and do not send resumes.
- 2) The application deadline is **August 29, 2008**. All application packets must be received by this date.

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REVIEW PROCESS

- 1) The PTAG Research Committee will review the application.
- 2) The award will be granted based on the merits of the research project, the applicability of the project to physical therapy, and the demonstration that the applicant has completed the project in an ethical and professional manner.
- 3) The decision of the committee will be final and the reasons for the decision will not be disclosed.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

- 1) The PTAG Research Committee will notify all applicants of the award prior to the PTAG Fall Meeting
- 2) The award will be announced and presented at the PTAG meeting during the business meeting.
- 3) An announcement of this award will appear in the PTAG newsletter.

The 2008 PTAG Fall Meeting is being held at North Georgia College and State University, Dahlonega, GA in Building 102, Health & Natural Sciences building. The 2008 Poster Presentations will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 from noon – 2:00pm. The Student Research Award will be presented at the PTAG Business Meeting on Saturday, October 11, 2008. The Business Meeting is scheduled from 11:45am to 1:55pm.



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PTAG STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD / ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Presentation Format: The winner of the Student Research Award will be required to present their findings during PTAG meeting in a poster presentation. Please indicate if you would like your abstract considered for a poster presentation at the during PTAG's Annual Meeting if you are NOT the recipient of the Student Research Award.

Poster presentations require a poster outlining the research. The authors should plan to be available for approximately 1 hour to discuss their research.

Format for Abstract: The abstract must be double-spaced and limited to 500 words. The identifying information must be outlined on a separate sheet of paper and include:

- 1) the title in capitalized letters
- 2) the full name(s) of the author(s)
- 3) the place where the work was done
- 4) the name, address, phone number, and email of the presenter
- 5) Acknowledgement of any financial support for the work being presented

Copies: Include one copy of the identifying information, and four copies of the abstract with the title and the body of the text only (eliminate all identifying information except the title).

Content of Abstract (choose 1 type):

RESEARCH reports must include:

- 1) purpose of study
- 2) hypothesis, if appropriate
- 3) number and type of subject
- 4) materials and methods
- 5) Type(s) of data analysis used
- 6) numerical results of statistical test(s) when appropriate
- 7) conclusion
- 8) clinical relevance

SPECIAL INTEREST reports must present a unique case study, program, idea, or device and must include:

- 1) purpose of the presentation
- 2) description
- 3) summary of experience or use
- 4) the importance to physical therapists

THEORY presentation must:

- 1) state the phenomenon that the theory proposes to explain or predict
- 2) explicitly state the theoretical proposition or model
- 3) give the evidence on which the theory is based
- 4) suggest ways that the theory could be tested
- 5) describe the importance of the theory to physical therapy