OPPF Research Awards

Call for Submissions

Deadline December 31, 2021

General Member Research Award
The award will be given to the best research article authored by an OPPA member. The article must have passed peer review, be published or accepted and in press at any time between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021. All psychiatric topics are acceptable for the competition. Original research papers are preferred, but critical review articles are also acceptable. Only one article may be submitted per candidate. Manuscripts that have not yet been accepted for publications will not be considered.

Resident-Fellow Member Research Award
The award in this category will be given to the best research article authored by an OPPA Resident-Fellow Member. At the time of entry submission, the article must have passed peer review, be published or accepted and in press at any time between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021. The article may be authored by the resident/fellow alone or in combination with a faculty member, but the resident must have significant contribution with a letter from the main author indicating how the resident/fellow contributed for the paper to be considered (first authors will be given preference). Original research papers are preferred, but critical review articles are also acceptable. Only one article may be submitted per candidate. Manuscripts that have not yet been accepted for publication will not be considered.

Medical Student Scholarly Paper Award
The award in the medical student category will be given to the best article authored by a medical student. The author of the entry must have completed the work and been enrolled in one of Ohio’s medical schools when the work was completed. The article must have passed peer review, be published or accepted and in press at any time between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021. Faculty and residents can be co-authors, but the medical student must have significant contribution with a letter from the main author indicating how the medical student contributed for the submission to be considered (first authors will be given preference). The article can be any article type (a case report, a case series, a scholarly review, an evidence-based review, or a data-based original research paper). Members of the OPPA affiliated with medical schools in Ohio are encouraged to inform medical students interested in psychiatry about this award throughout their four years. Mentorship in identifying a topic and preparing an article for submission is also encouraged. There may be only one submission per candidate. Manuscripts that have not yet been accepted for publication will not be considered.

Award Selection
The OPPF Board of Directors will appoint a selection committee comprised of OPPA members to judge the entries.

Award Announcement
The selection committee will review qualifying submissions in all three categories and will send their recommendations for a winner and runner-up in each category to the OPPF Board of Directors. The OPPF president will announce the awardees at the end of the first week of February via an email to all OPPA members. The OPPA quarterly newsletter (Insight Matters) will profile the awardees and runners-up in all three categories in the issue following announcement of awardees.

Receiving the Award
The winners and runners-up will be invited to attend the OPPA Annual Psychiatric Update meeting which will be held virtually on April 2, 2022 where each winner will be announced.

Submission Process
The following must be received via electronic submission to OPPF@oppa.org no later than 11:59 p.m. on December 31. Submission materials must be received as attachments to a single email and should include the following:

1. The article in either a PDF or Word format.
2. A cover letter signed by the first author, verifying that s/he personally conducted the study and/or wrote the paper being submitted (with some input or help from co-authors where applicable). Either an electronic signature inserted into the cover letter or an electronic scan of the completed cover letter is acceptable.

Note: Incomplete submissions will not be considered.