

The Jerry S. Wiggins Student Award for Outstanding Interpersonal Research

The Jerry S. Wiggins Student Award for Outstanding Interpersonal Research is given annually by the Society of Interpersonal Theory and Research (**SITAR**) in order to recognize and promote outstanding student research in interpersonal psychology. One award is given for the best student presentation (*poster or talk*) given at the annual **SITAR** conference.

Contents of the Award

The award consists of a certificate and free registration (non-transferrable) to the next **SITAR** conference. In addition, the winner will be announced in the **SITAR** newsletter, where the individual will also be given the opportunity to present his or her research.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be the first author on the presentation submission
- Be a full-time graduate student at the time of submission
- Be a student member of **SITAR**
- Present his or her poster or presentation at the **SITAR** conference
- Be presenting a poster or talk that reflects the applicant's work and not that of an advisor
- If the work presented is in-press, the student must be first author on the article.
- Not have previously won the award
- Submit only one presentation for consideration

When & How to Apply

Step 1 To be considered for the award, students indicate their desire to participate by including the phrase "Enroll me in the Wiggins Student Award" when submitting proposals for the annual conference. These students are automatically enrolled in the competition upon acceptance of their proposal.

Step 2 Following the acceptance of their proposal, students must also submit a copy of their presentation or paper in a Word, Power Point, or PDF file no later than 8:00AM on the first day of the conference (May 31st, 2013). Failure to provide a copy of the presentation or paper by the deadline will disqualify a participant.
-Send your presentation or paper to Lindsay Ayearst at layearst@utsc.utoronto.ca

Criteria for the Award

The award is to be adjudicated primarily at the conference based on the actual presentation, although ratings will be compiled and the winner will be announced following the conference. The winner is selected by the judges (non-student members of **SITAR**) who consider the **SITAR** conference submission, the presentation (poster or talk) itself, a conversation with or responses to questions posed to the presenter, and the potential contribution to the field, as well as the degree to which the work represents the student's own intellectual effort.

The same evaluative criteria are applied to posters and talks, with the exception that judges interact with (i.e., interview) the poster presenters, but, for talks, the judges observe the presentation as audience members and may ask questions following the talk.

The judges consider the following criteria when evaluating presentations: a succinct statement of the research problem, a clear statement of methods, appropriate data analysis, conclusions that are warranted by the data, an explanation of why the work is important, and a well organized and clear presentation. For discussions with the presenters, the judges consider each participant's level of understanding of the research and ability to describe the work in technical and non-technical terms. These criteria are compiled, utilizing a numerical rating scheme, and the award is given to the participant with the highest total score.