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Ca\$h Award\$ for Out\$tanding Re\$earch

SEPA GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS COMPETITION

SEPA is again pleased to offer recognition and cash awards to graduate students for outstanding research. The award can be for research in any area of psychology, although preference will be given to those areas that are generally underrepresented at SEPA (biological, cross-cultural, and developmental psychology). The award committee will nominate a selection of the submissions for presentation in a special paper/poster session at the 2009 SEPA Convention. The selection of winner(s) will be made based on the presentations in that session. First place winner receives a \$200 award. Additional award(s) may be made at the judges' discretion.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The sole or first author, as described in the *APA Publication Manual*, must be a graduate student in a regionally accredited psychology program.
2. The submission must be sponsored by a current SEPA Member, *unless* the submitting graduate student is a post-masters student and SEPA Member.
3. The paper cannot be simultaneously submitted to other SEPA competitions or programs. However, legitimate submissions that are not nominated for consideration will automatically be reviewed for the SEPA program.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Persons who are presently Members or Student Affiliate Members of SEPA can submit through the ESS (Electronic Submission System) on the SEPA website at www.sepaonline.com -- you must have a valid e-mail address on file with the SEPA office, and your dues must be current before you can use the ESS. Sponsored non-members may also submit.
2. Prepare the submission as for any other paper submission. As you begin the submission process, enter the "Title" then click on "Format" and choose "**SEPA Graduate Student Research Award**" TO INDICATE THAT YOUR PAPER SHOULD BE JUDGED FOR THE SEPA Graduate Student Research Award competition.
 3. Do not submit research proposals; the study must have been completed. Do not submit manuscripts.
 4. The deadline for competition submission is NOON CDT, **October 13, 2009**.

JUDGING and PRESENTATION

1. Three to four judges will evaluate each abstract. Entries will first be reviewed for acceptability in the convention program. Acceptable papers will then be judged in the competition in terms of overall quality, potential importance, and innovation. Authors of all papers deemed to be of special merit will be invited to present their work in a special session. Awards will be announced and cash awards will be presented at the convention. Submission implies agreement to present at the SEPA meeting (as is the case with any other accepted submission).
2. Authors of submissions that are not accepted for the special session but that are accepted for the program will be notified in the usual manner, and their names will be listed in the printed program.
3. All winners (and co-authors if they attend the convention) must register for the convention in the same manner as any other participant.

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