

Announcing the Call for Nominations for the 2012 NCAMFT Graduate Student Research Award

Purpose:

The NCAMFT Graduate Student Research Award was established in 1997 by the NCAMFT Board of Directors to recognize excellence in research focused on enhancing the practice of marriage and family therapy or the understanding of families.

Award Winner will receive:

A cash award of \$150, a certificate of recognition, and **complimentary registration** for the 2012 NCAMFT Annual Conference, March 2-3, Cary, North Carolina.

Judging Process:

The recipient of this award will be selected through a competitive blind review process based on the merits of the research proposal. Eligibility for nomination for this award includes the following:

- 1 The applicant must be a fully admitted graduate student in a graduate program in North Carolina in marriage and family therapy or one of the related mental health disciplines.
- 2 Research must be focused on contributing to knowledge of families or the practice of marriage and family therapy.
- 3 Students may be engaged in early to late phases of the research project.
- 4 Only those research proposals that have not been published and have not received final acceptance as partial fulfillment of an academic degree will be reviewed.
- 5 The nominee must be a member of AAMFT (including student or associate membership) or present evidence that application for membership has been submitted for review.

Criteria:

The following criteria will be utilized to evaluate each nominated proposal:

- 1) conceptual and theoretical soundness
- 2) appropriateness of research design and plans for analysis
- 3) clarity of writing and meaningfulness of organization
- 4) potential contribution to knowledge in the field of marriage and family therapy



How to submit:

Procedures for nomination include submission of the following:

- 1 Electronic submission of a .pdf document of the research proposal, up to 10 pages maximum, double-spaced. Proposals exceeding the 10 page limit will not be reviewed.
- 2 Letter of support from faculty member supervising research attesting to the potential significance of the study.
- 3 Evidence of membership in AAMFT or evidence that membership application has been submitted for review.
- 4 Since the proposals will be reviewed "blind", do not include any type of identifying data in the proposal. Submit a separate cover sheet in .pdf format (not counted towards the 10 page limit) with the author's name, address, phone number, university, and proposal title.

The recipient of the award agrees to acknowledge partial support of the research from NCAMFT in any future publication of the study and to submit a reprint of the published study to the current president of NCAMFT when available.

Proposals of up to 10 double-spaced pages are to be submitted to the chair of the NCAMFT Graduate Student Research Award Committee by January 30, 2012. The recipient will be recognized at the NCAMFT Annual Conference.

Send proposals by January 30 to:
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