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STUDENT MERIT / JUNIOR INVESTIGATOR MEETING AWARDS 2011 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) will sponsor a limited number of Student Merit / Junior Investigator Meeting Awards. Awards are funded by a National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) conference grant. The awards are intended to help defray costs associated with attendance at the 2011 RSA Scientific Meeting being held in Atlanta, Georgia. Awards will either cover the cost of meeting registration only or meeting registration and a minimal travel stipend. **PLEASE NOTE: "We believe that funding is likely, but it is not yet clear how much will be available pending a decision by NIAAA on our conference grant. We hope a funding decision will be made by February 2011. You should go ahead and submit your application by the January 10 deadline."**

An application (see below) must be completed by all individuals who wish to apply for a Student Merit Award (primarily intended for graduate students) or Junior Investigator Meeting Award (intended for postdoctoral fellows and trainees no more than 4 years past Ph.D. or M.D. at the time of the meeting). *Selection of awardees will be based on the merit of their abstract and stated **financial need**.* Additional consideration will be given for students and junior investigators from under-represented minority groups. Preference is also afforded to individuals who are members of RSA.

REQUIREMENTS:

STUDENT MERIT AWARD: Graduate Student applicants must be the presenting author of an abstract accepted for presentation or a symposium speaker at the 2011 RSA Meeting. A limited number of outstanding undergraduate students may also be considered (undergraduates need not be presenting a paper; however, only one applicant per abstract will be accepted.)

JUNIOR INVESTIGATOR MEETING AWARD: All applicants must be the presenting author of an abstract accepted for presentation or a symposium speaker at the 2011 RSA Meeting.

**ALL APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS
AND WORKSHOPS ON RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAMS WHICH
WILL BE OFFERED DURING THE MEETING.**

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: *Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.* **E-mail all requested materials (one file please) to debbyrsa@sbcglobal.net** or submit the original application form – with justification letter, a copy of your abstract/proposal, and a **student** verification letter from your advisor or for **post-docs**, verification that you are no more than 4 years past your degree, plus 6 (six) copies of all forms (collated and stapled) to: Research Society on Alcoholism, 7801 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite D-89, Austin, Texas 78752. **Do not fax.**

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be postmarked by January 10, 2011. Awards will be announced in late May.

NOTE: Receiving an Enoch Gordis Research Recognition Award does not preclude you from receiving an RSA Student Merit / Junior Investigator Award. You may apply for both awards.

**PLEASE DO NOT REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE UNTIL YOU
HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE AWARD - LATE FEES WILL BE WAIVED.**

PRINT THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

**STUDENT MERIT / JUNIOR INVESTIGATOR MEETING AWARD
2011 APPLICATION FORM**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN MAY, 2011 - PROVIDE COMPLETE ADDRESS FOR THIS TIME.

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

COUNTRY: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Which award are you applying for: _____ Student Merit _____ Junior Investigator

Abstract title: _____

____ Indicate if abstract is part of a symposium proposal

Advisor's name: _____ Your program Department: _____

GRADUATE STUDENTS: Date started in program: _____ expect to graduate: _____

Are you an RSA member (dues must be current)? _____ YES _____ NO _____ Application Pending
(as of January 2, 2011 deadline)

Please supply the following information (optional):

Gender: _____ M _____ F

Are you a member of an underrepresented minority group or
an individual with a disability? _____ YES _____ NO

If yes, please specify _____

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THIS AWARD IN THE PAST 2 YEARS? _____ YES _____ NO

ARE YOU ON A NIAAA TRAINING GRANT? _____ YES _____ NO

For the 2011 RSA Annual Meeting, list all other sources of travel support including: Institutional NRSA Training grant (T32), Individual NRSA Fellowships (F30, F31, F32), and Institutional or Departmental support. _____

On a separate page (do not exceed one page), please provide the following information:

- 1) Justify your financial need for this award (may include competing uses of funds from other sources).
- 2) Summarize your career plans indicating how attendance at the meeting would benefit your research interests and career objectives.
- 3) Include any comments you wish to make pertaining to your request.

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Applications must be **postmarked** by **JANUARY 10, 2011 – DO NOT FAX.**

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE – www.rsoa.org.