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Postdoctoral Research Award Competition ***Supported by Solae, LLC***

Awards Program Outline

This awards program challenges early-career scientists and clinicians in nutrition by providing a juried abstract review and special oral session in which they compete in presenting their research findings.

Note: If you are a graduate or a medical student, please consult the guidelines for the ASN Graduate Student Research Award program or the Clinical Emerging Leader Award program. Graduate or medical students are *not* eligible for the ***Postdoctoral Research Awards, Supported by Solae, LLC***.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants must be ASN members.
- Applicants must be postdoctoral fellows, medical trainees or other early-career investigators. The following types of applicants are eligible:
 - *Postdoctoral Fellows:* Individuals holding a doctoral degree (obtained within the past 1-5 years) who are engaged in a period of mentored research and/or scholarly training for the purpose of acquiring the professional skills needed to pursue a career path of his or her choosing.
 - *Medical Interns, Residents or Fellows:* Individuals engaged in final stages of graduate medical training. Individuals holding a medical degree (M.D. or equivalent professional degree) who are: in an internship year; completing a residency by practicing medicine under the supervision of fully licensed physicians; or serving in a post-residency fellowship, during which they are trained in a sub-specialty.
 - *Other Young Professionals:* Individuals holding a doctoral degree (obtained within the past 1-5 years) who are pursuing a career in nutrition science or practice (for example, junior faculty; staff and/or assistant scientists; etc.)

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Abstracts to be considered for the ***Postdoctoral Research Awards, Supported by Solae, LLC*** must be submitted for programming at the ASN Scientific Sessions and Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2012. The abstract submission deadline is November 8, 2011.

- Submissions must include the entrant's name, email address, date of completion of doctoral degree, and university affiliation of sponsor. Submissions must also include abstract number and title.
- In addition to the abstract and contact information, an additional statement is required. This statement should not exceed 300 words. Please address the following:
 - How the science reflected in your submission points to possible implications for policy, public health, or future research directions for the field.
 - A statement of contribution describing your role in the study or research reviewed in the abstract.
 - A brief summary of your career objectives in nutrition science or practice.
- After your abstract has been submitted (no later than November 8, 2011), you will be invited to complete your application by sending the above information to mholt@nutrition.org. Your personal statement and other information is due no later than November 23, 2011.

SUBMISSION EVALUATION:

An evaluation panel will be appointed and managed by the ASN Young Professionals Interest Group (YPIG), and will include both YPIG Advisors. The preliminary panel will review the abstracts and statements, and will rate them based on the following criteria:

- Conceptualization of the problem and the experimental design
- Logic and adequacy of methodology and experimental design
- Organization and clarity of figures and tables and quality of visual aids
- Explanation of methods and results
- Interpretation of data and quality of conclusions drawn therefrom
- Potential to develop into a greater research program
- Potential impact on policy, health and wellness, and future research directions.

The preliminary evaluation panel will select six abstracts to be presented twice. Finalists' abstract will be presented once in an oral or poster session (as part of the main EB 2012 programming) and once in the special oral competition on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The six finalists will be asked to electronically submit manuscripts (similar to the talks to be presented). At the oral competition, an anonymous panel of judges will rate the manner and mechanics of presentation and ability of the early-career scientists and clinicians to project their ideas and to answer questions.

AWARDS:

- Each of the six finalists will receive a \$250 stipend to defray travel expenses, and a certificate.
- One grand prize winner will be selected from the six finalists by the judges, and will receive an additional \$250 award.

QUESTIONS:

- Email: mholt@nutrition.org