

# **Association of Postgraduate Physician Assistant Programs**

## **Linda Brandt Research Award for Physician Assistant Postgraduate Training**

### **Announcement and Call for Proposals**

Linda Brandt was one of the founding members of the Association of Postgraduate Physician Assistant Programs (APPAP) and served as its first president. Although not a physician assistant (PA) herself, she was a driving force for PA postgraduate education. She was director of the PA Surgical Residency at Norwalk Hospital/Yale University School of Medicine and a founding member of the Society for the Preservation of Physician Assistant History. She is remembered by her colleagues for her passion and tireless devotion to PA postgraduate education. She continuously fostered the professional development of hundreds of PA residents and contributed to the education of thousands of PA students from all over the country. Ms. Linda lost her battle with cancer in 2004. It is an honor for APPAP to offer this award in her memory.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this initiative is to support research regarding PA postgraduate training programs, PA residents/fellows, or graduates.

### **Eligible applicants include**

PA postgraduate residents

PA students who have a research focus on PA postgraduate training, impact, or outcomes

Other professionals who have a research interest in PA postgraduate education, impact, or outcomes

### **Applicant Expectations**

The successful applicant will be expected to

Make a good-faith effort to complete the research project in the allotted time

Submit a six-month progress report

Present the project at the APPAP annual meeting, held in conjunction with the fall PAEA Annual Education Forum. Applicants are also encouraged to submit their research for presentation at the PAEA forum, AAPA conference, or other appropriate venue

### **Funds Available**

APPAP will provide \$2,000 for this initiative in 2007-08.

## **Size and Duration of Awards**

One award for the total amount of \$2,000 will be provided over one year.

## **Application**

Applicants must submit a typed, double-spaced proposal that includes the following sections:

- Title Page
  - Title
  - Applicant name, address (postal and e-mail), phone, and fax numbers
- Abstract (not more than 500 words)
- Research Description (not more than 4 pages)
  - Background and rationale
  - Methods
  - Identification and qualifications of key personnel
  - Expected timeline for completion of the project
- CV of Applicant
- CV of Mentor(s)\*
- Mentor Statement of Support\*
- Statement of Institutional Support: This may be a letter from an appropriate individual or representative who can affirm that the applicant has access to facilities and personnel to aid in the successful completion of the project. It may be included in the Mentor Statement, if appropriate.

\*Students and residents should identify a mentor or mentor team. Up to 3 persons may be included. Mentor identification is optional for graduates and other professionals. However, mentor identification is encouraged for those with limited experience in research.

## **Timeline for Submissions**

Applications will be accepted through **September 30, 2007**.

Award decisions will be made in late October 2007.

Notification of recipient will occur in early November 2007.

## **Award Criteria**

Applications will be judged on the following:

- Importance to PA postgraduate education
- Feasibility and likelihood of completion (timeline, mentor, facility, etc.)
- Writing organization, detail, and style

## **Award Disbursement**

The award will be delivered in two allotments:

\$1,000 will be delivered upon notification of the recipient. The second disbursement of \$1,000 will be delivered upon receipt of the six-month progress report.

## **Applications should be sent to**

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