

NRAJPD Research Award

PURPOSE OF AWARD

The purpose of this award is to honor and recognize high quality research in areas of interest to the rehabilitation placement profession and the National Rehabilitation Association of Job Placement and Development and to stimulate future research.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nomination for the NRAJPD Research Award may be made by any member of NRAJPD, the researcher, or a member of the NRAJPD Awards Committee. The report must be written or published between April 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013. It is possible to nominate worthy articles published in counseling, psychology, job development, and job placement research journals, or unpublished research as long as research meets the criteria outline below. Nominees need not be current member of NRAJPD.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

A. Nature of Study. The study must be research, the purpose of this award. Research has been defined as a systematic inquiry or investigation into a subject to discover facts or principles, involving an idea to be tested, examination of data through statistical techniques, and interpretation of results.

B. Relevance. The focus of research will need to be on the placement of persons with disability in productive and profitable employment. The topic is intended to be quite broad to encompass all aspects of the placement process.

C. Significance. The questions being answered and the ideas being investigated must be concerned with problems of interest and significance to the rehabilitation placement profession, and findings should be general beyond the immediate setting.

D. Research Procedures. The research process should be systematic and controlled, that is, guided by hypotheses that can be checked against reality in a systematic and controlled way. Haphazard observations are to be avoided while well conceived surveys of the job placement field may be considered for the purpose of developing future hypotheses.

E. Interpretation of Data. Individual creativity should be applied in presenting the material in a fashion that can be comprehended and applied by rehabilitation placement professionals.

F. Writing. Authors will need to attend to form and style with logical development of the topic. Adherence to APA guidelines will be expected.

G. Publication Date. The search for published research includes all NRA publications and those in counseling, psychology, job placement and job development. The research may be described in published form with publications between April 1st and March 31st of the year preceding the award. Unpublished research will be considered if it was completed by March 31 of the year preceding the award.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

1. All nominations must be made utilizing the nomination form and received by May 21, 2013
2. A special subcommittee of the NRAJPD Awards Committee will be established to review the nominations for the award. If the committee believes that no worthy candidate is nominated, no award will be made.
3. One month prior to the national convention, The Award Committee Chair-

person will notify the NRAJPD Executive Committee of the selection of the award winner.

Please Note: All nominations must be submitted on the nomination form. Three sponsor letters, evidence or testimonials in support of each nomination must be attached as one nomination packet. The packet need not be elaborately prepared or bound. The original and four packet copies of the nomination form and supporting documentation must be submitted by the deadline established.

Please attach a copy of each article nominated to a completed Nomination Form and mail the original and four (4) copies to the Chairperson of the Awards Committee.

On a separate sheet, provide relevant information about the nominee's education (institution and degree), significant work history, professional honors, and/or recognition and memberships, especially offices held and committee assignments with NRAJPD. A resume or professional vita may be substituted for this page.

Please return to Sara Sundeen, 2901 York Avenue N., Minneapolis, MN 55422, Fax: 952.223.6151 or Email: sarasundeen@gmail.com

Deadline: May 21, 2013

NRAJPD Research Award Nomination Form

Author(s) _____

Title _____

Journal _____

Month and Year Volume Pages _____

This research report satisfied the following selection criteria:

1. Name of Study.
 - a. The purpose is clearly stated. Yes _____ No _____
 - b. The report study is a systematic inquiry to discover facts of principles. Yes _____ No _____
2. Relevance. The study appears relevant to NRAJPD and to the placement of person with disabilities. Yes _____ No _____
3. Significance. The findings are important for rehabilitation placement professionals and are generalizable beyond the immediate setting. Yes _____ No _____
4. Research Procedures. Methodology is the highest quality. Yes ___ No ___
5. Interpretation Data. Conclusions are based on findings. Yes ___ No ___
6. Report Writing. The presentation is scholarly. Yes _____ No _____
7. Publication Data. The report was written or published between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007. Yes _____ No _____

Name, Address, and telephone number of person submitting this nomination.