

Policy for G. Terence Wilson Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award

The G. Terence Wilson Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award is a \$500 award given annually to graduate students in the Rutgers University Psychology Department Clinical Psychology Program for innovative and rigorous clinical research. The selection process for these awards in the Clinical area is outlined below.

Background

The G. Terence Wilson Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award was created in 2022 to honor distinguished Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program member Oscar Krisen Buros Professor Terry Wilson. Dr. Wilson served as a member of the Rutgers Psychology Department and Clinical Ph.D. Program for several decades during his illustrious and highly productive research career that pioneered and championed research and practice of behavior therapy. He served as Department Chair and Clinical Program Director of Clinical Training, the latter on more than one occasion. He also held numerous leadership positions in the field, including serving as the president of the *Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies* and Editor-in-Chief of *Behavior Research and Therapy*. Dr. Wilson was a champion for innovative clinical research ranging from eating disorders to dissemination and implementation of evidence-based interventions worldwide. With this award we recognize, celebrate, and promote Dr. Wilson's cutting-edge approach to clinical research in recognizing outstanding graduate research consistent with Dr. Wilson's rigorous standards!

Eligibility

Students who are currently enrolled in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program (including students on internship) and are in good standing and making adequate and timely progress on program requirements as specified in the departmental and Clinical area guidelines are eligible.

Selection Process

The Director of Clinical Training (DCT) will send out a request for applications to the Clinical area faculty each spring. The faculty member should ask the nominee to submit the attached application to the DCT. A committee comprised of the DCT and two randomly selected Clinical area faculty members will review the applications and come to a consensus on the recipient. If possible, the review committee will be comprised of individuals who did not nominate a student.

Selection Criteria

The Wilson Research Award is intended to recognize outstanding and innovative research by graduate students. Student research submissions must be theoretically-grounded, methodologically rigorous, and rooted in cognitive-behavioral principles. Research on dissemination and implementation science is particularly encouraged. Students can be nominated for this award based on an outstanding manuscript (published or not) and/or a research project (e.g., dissertation) that is outstanding in its design, conceptual framework, and potential to contribute significantly to the field once published. The award is intended to recognize graduate student research accomplishment and, therefore, the nomination should be based on work that was done primarily by the student while in graduate school. However, the research on which the application is based does not need to be current or from the past year as long as the work was

done as a graduate student in the program. A student can only receive the award once during their tenure in the Rutgers Clinical Ph.D. Program.

In determining the recipients of the award, emphasis will be placed on the scientific merit of the submitted work and its impact or potential contribution to the field. For applications based on published work, the impact of the journal will be considered as well as the number of co-authors and their level of contribution.

Applications

The DCT will send a request for applications to the Clinical area faculty annually on June 1st. Students applying should plan to submit an application to the DCT by the annual July 1st deadline. Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by August 1st.

G. Terence Wilson Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award Application

Instructions: Complete this form and submit 3 copies of it and relevant attachments to the Director of Clinical Training by July 1st.

Applicant Name: _____

1. Please attach to this application a copy of the research to be considered for this award. Attach the reprint (if published) or manuscript (if in press or under review) version of a paper as appropriate. For a research project that has not yet been written up as a manuscript, please submit the abstract and a summary of the conceptual rationale and method (e.g., from a prospectus document or F31 grant) and, if available, preliminary results (maximum length of the summary is 2 single-spaced pages using 12pt font).

2. List below any co-authors or contributors on the submitted work and provide a brief statement about their contribution to the work.

3. Provide a brief statement on the impact to the field of the submitted research for this award (limit of 150 words):