

## Psychology Department Outstanding Student Researcher Application

This award recognizes the student who has shown an outstanding level of commitment to research in the field of Psychology. Go to <http://www.mscd.edu/~psych/outstandingstudentawards.htm> to read more about the decision criteria.

To be eligible, you must have completed at least 12 credit hours in Psychology and two semesters at MSCD at the time of this application. The deadline for this application is Friday April 3, 2009.

This application form must be accompanied by a

- copy of your MSCD transcripts (to verify residency requirements only)
- Signature from an MSCD Psychology Department instructor willing to sponsor your application (usually the instructor who supervised your research)
- An essay in which you 1) describe **one** of the research projects in which you've been involved and 2) propose a follow-up study. The description of the research project should include a statement of the problem (e.g., why is it an important topic to investigate), a brief literature review, a statement of the hypothesis or research question, a description of the method and findings (only if the data are collected and analyzed). The description of the follow-up study should include a clear explanation of the logical connection between the completed study and the proposed study, as well as a brief description of the method and expected outcome.
  - This essay must be typed in 12 point font and may be no longer than 2 double-spaced pages (excluding reference pages and tables/figures).
  - Evaluations of essay quality will be based on writing quality (e.g., coherence, spelling), as well as content. In terms of evaluating essay content, special emphasis will be given to the sections of the essay that describe how the project fits in with existing literature (i.e., the rationale for the study) and the section that proposes follow-up studies.
- The attached Research Summary form on which you'll describe the nature of your involvement in research (e.g., ran subjects, designed materials, conducted a literature search). Fill out a research summary form for each project in which you are/were involved

Before you submit your materials, we encourage you to get faculty members to give you feedback on your application.

Application for (circle one):

Outstanding Junior Researcher (completed 60-89 credit hours)

Outstanding Senior Researcher (completed 90 or more credit hours)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name

Faculty Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Research Summary

Please fill out a research summary for **each** of the research projects that you have been involved with as a MSCD undergraduate. You may download this form as a PDF file from <http://www.mscd.edu/~psych/outstandingstudentawards.htm> . Your response should not exceed one page per research project.

*Title of the study:*

*Research Supervisor and contact information (e.g., Faculty Sponsor):*

*Authors of the study:*

*Hypothesis of the study:*

*A brief description of the study:*

*Your contribution to this study (check all that apply):*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> read and reviewed literature for the study                      | <input type="checkbox"/> independently designed the study  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> helped design the study   | <input type="checkbox"/> entered/analyzed data   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tested subjects/participants                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> independently prepared presentation of data (paper, poster, talk, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> helped prepare presentation of data (paper, poster, talk, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> presented poster  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> presented talk  | <input type="checkbox"/> other (be specific):  |

*Was this research presented/published? (Check all that apply):*

*Poster/Oral Presentation*

- presented at:  
 accepted for presentation at:  
 submitted for presentation at:

*Publication*

- published in:  
 accepted for publication in:  
 submitted for publication in: