

# ASNTR 2010 Travel Award Application Guidelines

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Graduate students, medical students and postdoctoral fellows conducting research in neural therapy and repair are eligible to apply. Applicants with appointments above postdoctoral fellow are ineligible to apply for this travel award. Applicants are eligible for no more than 5 travel awards per individual. All applicants must be the presenting author of an abstract submitted online to the ASNTR no later than December 15, 2010. **Submission of abstracts to the ASNTR website for the 2010 meeting is a separate, additional process from this travel award application.** Specific submission instructions for the travel award are detailed below.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

In addition to the online abstract submission process, please email a single pdf file to Donna Morrison, ASNTR Conference Coordinator (dmorriso@health.usf.edu) no later than 4:00 pm (EST) on December 15, 2009. The single pdf file must be formatted in the following way:

**Page 1: Cover Sheet:** The cover sheet should contain the following information as illustrated by the following example:

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| Travel Award Applicant:                                       | Sally Q. Neuroscience  |
| Position:   | Graduate Student   |
| Email Address:  | sally@bigunerosci.edu  |
| Gender:   | female   |
| Race/Ethnicity:   | Caucasian  |
| Disabled:   | Yes or no  |
| Phone Number:   | (555)555-5555  |
| Institution:  | Big University of Neuroscience   |
| Advisor:  | Fred Muckitymuck, Ph.D.  |
| Advisor's Email:  | <a href="mailto:fmuckity@bigunerosci.edu">fmuckity@bigunerosci.edu</a> |
| Received Travel Award Before?<br>If so, how many, what years? | Yes, 2, 2008, 2009   |
| Are you located in the Tampa<br>area?                         | No   |

**Page 2: Abstract (limit to one page):** Please include the entire abstract including title, authors, institution and body.

**Page 3: A "Statement of Need" cover letter.** State why you desire to attend the ASNTR conference and what additional resources, if any, are available to you to cover travel to the ASNTR conference. This letter should be signed by you and countersigned by your advisor, scanned and incorporated into the pdf file.

**Page 4 and beyond:** Your updated curriculum vitae (CV), please limit this to three pages.

**Please save all pages as a single pdf file, use your last name and "STA" in the title of the file. Example: "NeuroscienceSTA.pdf"**

## **TRAVEL AWARD SELECTION PROCESS**

Graduate Students/Medical Students and PostDoctoral Fellows will be judged separately. Abstracts will be judged by the ASNTR Education and Training Committee using four different criteria:

- 1) the quality of the scientific writing,
- 2) the potential impact of the findings on the scientific field,
- 3) the degree of innovation in the research approach and
- 4) the amount/types of outcome measures utilized and completed.

**Notification of awardees will take place by February 15th, 2010.** Award amounts will be \$1000 for the top ranked and/or international awardees, \$750 for lower ranked awardees and \$500 for local awardees from Tampa. Awards will be presented to awardees in the form of a check in a special session at the opening of the ASNTR conference.

## **RULES OF ACCEPTANCE OF TRAVEL AWARDS**

All applicants receiving a travel award must present their research either as an oral presentation or during the poster session as determined by the ASNTR Program Committee. Applicants submitting the highest rated abstracts may be asked to give an oral presentation at the meeting. If you are unable to give an oral presentation you must present your research as a poster, no one but you may present your awarded abstract.

All recipients of travel awards must attend the *2010 ASNTR Short Course on Grantsmanship* in order to receive a travel award. Exceptions to this requirement will be made on a case-by-case basis, please contact Dr. Caryl Sortwell at [caryl.sortwell@gmail.com](mailto:caryl.sortwell@gmail.com). The *ASNTR Short Course on Grantsmanship* will be held at the ASNTR conference site and consist of one session prior to the ASNTR conference from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - therefore travel arrangements should be made to accommodate this time frame. The cost of attending the *ASNTR Short Course* (\$75) will be included in each travel award. Further information about the *ASNTR Short Course on Grantsmanship* will be available on the ASNTR website at a later date.