

3rd Annual

JOSEPHINE MILLS
RESEARCH AWARDS



Call For Nominations

Description

The Down Syndrome Research Foundation (DSRF) established the Josephine Mills Research Awards in 2007 to honour and recognize outstanding researchers in the fields of Down syndrome (DS) and MEG research. Jo Mills was the founding Executive Director of the DSRF. Jo was a visionary and received numerous awards for service to the field of developmental disability in Canada. The Josephine Mills Research Awards have been named to recognize her contribution to the field of Down syndrome.

The Jo Mills Research Awards Gala will be held November 19th, 2010. This year we will recognize two categories. These are;

1) Exceptional contribution to research in Aging in Down syndrome.

The first category will be awarded to an outstanding researcher who has made an exceptional contribution to research in the area of Aging/Dementia in DS and has demonstrated a high degree of leadership and dedication within the DS community.

2) Excellence in MEG research in developmental disabilities.

The second category will be awarded to an outstanding researcher or promising young scientist who has demonstrated excellence in MEG related research in developmental disabilities (e.g. Down syndrome, autism, ADHD, cerebral palsy, FASD, etc) and has demonstrated a high degree of innovation, creativity and leadership in MEG studies on infants and children.

Terms and Conditions

The Award consists of \$1000.00 for each recipient, a personal plaque and a plaque at DSRF where the names of the recipients will be listed each year. Each recipient will also be invited to submit a review paper of their work for a featured publication in the journal, Down Syndrome Quarterly. Each recipient will be invited to attend the award presentation at the annual Research Award Dinner. The DSRF will contribute to basic travel expenses to attend the award ceremony.

The recipients will be selected on the recommendation of an international peer review committee. Members of the Selection Committee and DSRF scientists may not be nominated.

Nomination Procedures

Each candidate must be nominated by a professional working in the area of Down syndrome or developmental disabilities. Candidates may be nominated on more than one occasion provided that they still meet the eligibility requirements.

The nomination package should include:

1. A letter from the nominator outlining the reasons why the nominee should be considered for the award (max 1 page). The letter should summarize the nominee's achievements in the area of DS research related to aging/dementia or MEG research and highlight the contributions made to the DS community or the MEG community.
2. Names and contact information of three individuals who may be contacted for a letter of reference for short listed candidates.
3. Curriculum vitae of the nominee.

Nomination deadline

Nominations must be received by August 31, 2010. The complete package must be sent via email as a PDF document to:

Dr. Naznin Virji-Babul
Chair, Josephine Mills Research Award Selection Committee
Email: naznin@dsrf.org

Final Decision on the award

The final decision will be made by the Selection Committee. The decision will be announced in September 2010 and the presentation will be made at a Gala dinner during the Developmental Disabilities and Aging/Alzheimer's Disease conference to be held in Vancouver on Friday, November 19th, 2010.



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November 19 & 20, 2010