Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Foundation

THE HENRY AND AMELIA NASRALLAH ANNUAL OPPF RESEARCH AWARDS

Call for submissions

Deadline December 31, 2026

The OPPF encourages scholarly work in Ohio by presenting annual research awards in three separate categories: General OPPA Members; Resident-Fellow OPPA Members; and Medical Student OPPA Members. The award will be given to the best research article in each category. These awards are supported by The Henry and Amelia Nasrallah Endowment Fund.

Criteria for all submissions

The article must have passed peer review and be published (or accepted) and in press at any time between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2026. Original research papers are preferred, but critical review articles are also acceptable. Only one article may be submitted per candidate. Manuscripts that have not yet been accepted for publications will not be considered.

General Member Research Award

All psychiatric topics are acceptable for the competition. Only submissions by first and last authors will be considered (with first authors given preference).

Resident-Fellow Member Research Award

The article may be authored by the resident/fellow alone or in combination with a faculty member, however, the resident must have significant contribution with a letter from the main author indicating how the resident/fellow contributed for the paper to be considered (first authors will be given preference).

Medical Student Scholarly Paper Award

The author of the entry must have completed the work and been enrolled in one of Ohio's medical schools when the work was completed. Faculty and residents can be co-authors, however, the medical student must have significant contribution with a letter from the main author indicating how the medical student contributed to the article for submission to be considered (first authors will be given preference). The article can be any article type (a case report, a case series, a scholarly review, an evidence-based review, or a data-based original research paper).

Please note: members of OPPA who are affiliated with medical schools in Ohio are encouraged to inform medical students interested in psychiatry about this award throughout their four years. Mentorship in identifying a topic and preparing an article for submission is also encouraged.

Award Selection

The OPPF Board of Directors will appoint a selection committee comprised of OPPA members to judge the entries.

Award Announcement

The selection committee will review qualifying submissions in all three categories and will send their recommendations for a winner and runner-up in each category to the OPPF Board of Directors. The OPPF president will announce the awardees in mid-February via an email to all OPPA members. The OPPA quarterly newsletter (*Insight Matters*) will profile the awardees and runners-up in all three categories in the issue following announcement of awardees.

Receiving the Award

The winners and runners-up will be invited to attend the OPPA Annual Psychiatric Update which will be held in Columbus on April 3-4, 2027 where each winner will be announced. Each winner will receive $250 and a plaque. Each runner-up will receive an award certificate. The registration fee to attend the Annual Meeting will be waived for the winners and the runners-up in each category.

Submission Process

The following must be received via electronic submission to oppf@oppa.org no later than 11:59 p.m. on December 31. Submission materials must be received as attachments to a single email and should include the following:

1. A cover letter signed by the submitting author, verifying that s/he personally conducted the study and/or wrote the paper being submitted (with some input or help from co-authors where applicable). Either an electronic signature inserted into the cover letter or an electronic scan of the completed cover letter is acceptable.
2. The article in either a PDF or Word format.
3. Note: Incomplete submissions will not be considered.