

# GUIDELINES FOR THE OUTSTANDING HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD

## PURPOSE

The Outstanding Health Research Award encourages researchers to be sensitive to the scientific and technological requirements of the health delivery system and rewards those whose research have contributed significantly to addressing prevalent health issues.

The Award gives recognition to a research program or project that has demonstrated the link between research and practice through the utilization of research findings in the health delivery system. Given by the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) in collaboration with the Department of Health (DOH), the award has two (2) categories: Biomedical Research and Health Services Research.

## NOMINATION PROCEDURES

### 1. Who can be nominated

Any health research program or project may be considered for the Award. Work to be nominated may fall under any of two categories: Biomedical Research or Health Services Research.

For **Biomedical Research**, the program or project must be engaged in generating and/or adapting appropriate health technologies that address specific health problems and emphasize the development of diagnostic tools and techniques, biological (e.g. drugs, vaccines, functional foods, etc.), biomedical devices, and ICT-based healthcare technologies.

For **Health Services Research**, the program or project must be involved in the organization, administration, operation, utilization and other aspects of health services delivery systems that address the country's social, political, cultural, and economic conditions.

### 2. Who can nominate

Any institution; members of the consortium; scientific, technological and professional societies or associations; research institutes; universities and colleges; and individuals may nominate. Self-nomination is not allowed.

### 3. How to nominate

Nominations should be made using the prescribed nomination form. Entries from both consortium member institutions and non-consortium member institutions must be submitted to and endorsed by the Chair of the consortium. Each nomination should include **ALL** of the following:

- a. **Write-up on the impact of the project on health delivery**, a contextualization of the problem that the project/program seeks to address and a description of the program/project, highlighting how the results were utilized, as well as the benefits derived from their utilization.
- b. **One copy of each of the technical reports and/or publications** of the completed projects leading to technology transfer and/or translation to a policy formulation or program intervention.
- c. **Statement from the technology user(s) and program or project end-user** describing the

contribution of the technology and project or program in improving health delivery.

- After the preliminary screening, the judges may ask for additional supporting documents from the nominees.

## 4. Schedule of Selection and Awarding

The Award is given every two (2) years.

## 5. Where to send nominations

- a. Nominations should be submitted to the regional consortium secretariat **not later than November 29, 2013**. (Please refer to the attached paper for list of addresses)
- b. Endorsed entries by the consortium chair should reach DOST-PCHRD **not later than December 15, 2013**.

## SELECTION

### A. Criteria for Selection

- a. Extent of impact on health/quality of life (40%)
  - Contributes to the promotion of well-being of a significant section of the population
  - Provides a long-term solution to health problems affecting majority of the population
  - Addresses a health priority/commitment (e.g. addressing the NUHRA, MDGs)
  - Has short gestation period for timely application of results
- b. Economic benefits (30%)
  - Results to savings accruing from import substitution and reduced healthcare cost
  - Has the potential for export
  - Increases productivity
  - Achieves better allocation/application of health resources
- c. S & T benefits (30%)
  - Improves knowledge and/or resolves issues on health problems
  - Serves as stepping stone for other areas of investigation

### B. Procedure for Selection

1. There will be two (2) levels of selection: Preliminary Screening and Final Selection
2. Preliminary Screening:
  - a. Nominations for the Award will be considered by a Screening Committee composed of distinguished scientists and technical experts appointed by the DOST-PCHRD. The Screening Committee can undertake visits or interview nominees or other concerned individuals to validate statements made in the nomination form.

- b. The Screening Committee recommends the shortlisted candidates to the Board of Judges for its consideration.

3. Final Selection:

- a. The Board of Judges reviews the work of shortlisted candidates and decides on the awardee for each category based on the set criteria.
- b. In the event that no research program or project sufficiently meets the qualifications for either or both categories, the Board of Judges has the prerogative not to give the Award. Nominations will be considered for screening in the next awarding year.
- c. The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

#### INCENTIVES

The Award consists of a cash prize of **P 500,000** and a trophy for winners of each category.

#### TIMETABLE

Activity	Target Date
Call for nomination	October – November 2013
Submission of complete documents to:	
- Consortium	November 29, 2013
- DOST-PCHR	December 15, 2013
Screening of nominees' complete documents	January 2014
Preliminary Screening	April 2014
Final Selection	June 2014
Awarding of Winners	PNHRS Week Celebration (second week of August 2014, exact date to be announced)

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