



## **XX<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Psychiatric Genetics** ***Early Career Investigator Program***

### **What is an Early Career Investigator?**

An early career investigator is an individual who is an undergraduate student, graduate student, medical student, or in the first five years of a post-doctoral fellowship program at a university in a field relevant to psychiatric genetics.

***Applicants can apply for all ECIP programs at the Congress or only some of them.***

### **ECIP Opportunities:**

- ***FUNDED TRAVEL AWARDS***

The Travel Award is meant to defray parts of the cost incurred to attend the meeting. The award money is expected to range between \$1000 - \$2000, USD, depending on the actual costs of the travel involved. Travel Awardees are entitled to register at the student rate. Funded Travel Awardees will be Rapporteurs for the World Congress. Rapporteurs will summarize assigned sessions and reports will be published in an appropriate journal as one combined manuscript with all rapporteurs listed as co-authors in a timely fashion once finalized. Additionally, one senior researcher will serve as a mentor to one or two early career investigators. The mentor and investigator will have an opportunity to establish contact prior to the meeting. At the meeting, a luncheon will be hosted.

- ***ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION AWARDS***

The Program Committee will select approximately 25 abstracts receiving the most favorable scoring from Program Committee reviews. The authors will have an opportunity to compete for one of three Oral Presentation Awards or Poster Presentation Awards. From the list of finalists, a panel of referees will select the winners at the 2012 World Congress. The awards consist of a certificate and a gift typical of the venue city, Hamburg. Additionally, one senior researcher will serve as a mentor to one or two early career investigators. The mentor and investigator will have an opportunity to establish contact prior to the meeting. At the meeting, a luncheon will be hosted.

- ***EDUCATION ACTIVITIES***

Courses and Workshops at the World Congress

### **Criteria for Selection:**

Application is made through the abstract submission system and the deadline to apply is May 1, 2012. In order to be part of the program, applicants will be evaluated based on the following:

- Quality of submitted abstract
- CV
- Letter of support by your immediate supervisor
- Personal statement