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**To:** Deans, Schools of Dentistry  
**From:** Dr. Sena Narendran, Student Awards Chair  
**Re:** Predoctoral Dental Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry  
**Deadline:** January 5, 2018  
**Awards presented at:** 2018 National Oral Health Conference®  
April 16-18, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky

The American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) cordially invites your School to participate in the Annual Predoctoral Dental Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry. We hope you will choose to nominate student(s) for this competition. Instructions and guidelines for submission of project reports are as follows:

**Project Content and Procedure:**

1. Each School/College of Dentistry may submit a **maximum of two separate** nominations for this award. The nominees(s) must have completed their project prior to graduation. Those nominees whose projects were completed during their fifth academic year will be judged with the graduate student submissions.
2. Each project should be an oral health program carried out in a community by the student(s) who should prepare and submit the following:
  - a) A report documenting background information, a list of the program's objectives and the procedures used, a summary of results, a discussion of the impact on the community as related to better oral health, and conclusions. Photographs, figures, forms/questionnaires or illustrated diagrams should be included where appropriate. The computer-generated project report should be double-spaced and limited to a **total of 20** pages.
  - b) A structured 250-word abstract of the project, 3-10 key words and source(s) of funding. Key words and source(s) of funding are not included in the word count.
  - c) A letter from the nominating faculty person outlining the student's role in the project as well as student's class level in the dental school. If the project/research involved human subjects, a copy of the letter from the Institutional Review Board **MUST** also be included.
  - d) A cover page that **MUST** include the following contact information for each student author: full name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail.
3. Each project will be judged according to the following six guidelines:
  - Originality and design of the project.
  - Description of results and conclusions.
  - Quality of the results (data) from the project.
  - Level of student responsibility and leadership
  - Community value of the project
  - Demonstrated mastery of the subject

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4. First, second, and third place award winners are selected from submitted projects which have met the reviewers' guidelines. These winners are invited to attend the 2018 National Oral Health Conference®, a joint meeting of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) and the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), where they will receive the award; an appropriate plaque, a one year membership in the American Association of Public Health Dentistry; electronic access for one year to the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry (JPHD)*; and the opportunity to present their projects as a part of the General Poster Session on Monday afternoon; April 16, 2018.

**In order to receive the cash award and travel allowance, either the primary or co-nominee is required to attend the 2018 National Oral Health Conference®. The winner will receive complimentary registration for the conference, attend the Awards Ceremony and present their poster. Otherwise they will only receive the plaque, AAPHD membership and electronic access to the JPHD. Only one complimentary registration and travel allowance per project are awarded.**

#### **FIRST PLACE AWARD**

The First Place Award winner receives a cash award of \$500 and an additional \$100 to help defray the cost of attending the National Oral Health Conference®. **Cash awards and travel allowance are only awarded to projects presented at the National Oral Health Conference®.**

#### **SECOND PLACE AWARD**

The Second Place Award winner receives a cash award of \$200 and an additional \$100 to help defray the cost of attending the National Oral Health Conference®. **Cash awards and travel allowance are only awarded to projects presented at the National Oral Health Conference®.**

#### **THIRD PLACE AWARD**

The Third Place Award winner receives a cash award of \$100 and an additional \$100 to help defray the cost of attending the National Oral Health Conference®. **Cash awards and travel allowance are only awarded to projects presented at the National Oral Health Conference®.**

#### **DETAILS**

- The National Oral Health Conference® will be held on April 16-18, 2018, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The deadline for submission of nominees and supportive material is **January 5, 2018.**

- All submissions for the 2018 AAPHD Student Merit Awards must be submitted online no later than **January 5, 2018. No manual submissions will be accepted.**
- Please visit [www.aaphd.org](http://www.aaphd.org) for submission details.
- If there are questions concerning this announcement, please contact Dr. Sena Narendran by electronic mail: [sena.narendran@case.edu](mailto:sena.narendran@case.edu).