



Recognition of Research in the Senior Center Field Call for Nominations 2012

The National Institute of Senior Centers announces its twentieth annual Research Award to recognize outstanding research in the senior center field. Submission deadline is by close of business day Friday, May 27, 2011.

Only research published after January 1, 2009- including journal articles, dissertations, books, and other research documents -- pertaining to the administration, operation, or programming of senior centers will be considered.

The research must make a substantive contribution to knowledge and understanding of the senior center field and stimulate questions for further research in the field. In the past, areas investigated have included volunteer services, best senior center practices, intergenerational programs, etc. Other areas of interest to NISC include, but are not limited to:

- health promotion, evidenced based programs, wellness and prevention models
- the role and function of the senior center of the future
- replicable outcome measures of senior center programs
- the design of consumer-based senior center programs
- the role of senior centers with civic engagement fostering community involvement

Other criteria include: potential long-term impact on public policy; potential usefulness for senior center practice; creativity and depth of analysis; and quality of literary style, readability, and format. Replicability will also be a factor.

Individuals or organizations may be nominated; self-nomination is encouraged. Current NCOA/NISC paid staff or consultants are not eligible, nor will NCOA/NISC-funded research be considered.

Nomination forms are available from the NISC Coordinator by calling 202/479-6667 or e-mailing Maureen.Arsenaut@ncoa.org or by visiting www.ncoa.org. A cash award of \$1,500 goes to the researcher(s) with a \$500 to the senior center/s involved with the research. In addition to these awards, a plaque to the sponsoring entity, if identified, will be presented at NISC's annual spring membership meeting to be held during the joint national conference of The National Council on the Aging and American Society on Aging in Washington, D.C. Travel and related costs for one investigator to present findings and accept award will be paid in full (some restrictions apply) or shared, depending on circumstances.



RESEARCH AWARD

Introduction

- The National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) announces the twentieth annual NISC Research Award.

Purpose

- To recognize outstanding research in the senior center field and to serve as a catalyst for encouraging research related to the administration, operation, or programming of senior centers.

Awards

- The NISC Research Award will be presented during the NISC Annual Membership Reception at the joint national conference of The National Council on Aging and American Society on Aging March 28 – April 1, 2012 in Washington, D.C.

Eligibility

- Individuals and/or organizations are eligible to be nominated for the NISC Research Award. Multiple nominations of the same research shall be treated as one entry.
- Eligible research projects must 1) pertain to the administration, operation, or programming of senior centers and 2) have been published.
- Submissions may include journal articles, dissertations, books and other research documents.
- Research must have been published after January 1, 2009.
- Current NCOA/NISC paid staff or consultants will not be eligible for the NISC Research Award nor will NCOA/NISC funded research be considered.
- Self-nominations are encouraged.

Criteria:

- Research must make a substantive contribution to knowledge and understanding of the senior center field and stimulate questions for further research in the field.
- Potential long-term effect on public policy.
- Potential usefulness for senior center practice.
- Creativity and depth of analysis.
- Replicability of research.
- Quality of literary style, readability, and format.

Documentation:

- Documentation of why the individual or organization is being nominated for the NISC Research Award must be submitted as part of the completed nomination form. Items or their summaries will be retained by the NCOA Resource Library, and may be disseminated to NISC members.
- Seven hard copies of the nomination and research project must be submitted to NCOA *or* seven CD's or one electronic copy of the nomination and research project may be e-mailed to Maureen.Arsenault@ncoa.org. The format should be in Word or pdf version if sent electronically. (Nomination form may be faxed but actual research itself must be received as stated above. Please make sure the research title is clearly identified.)
- An electronic summary/abstract of the research project is requested for posting on the NCOA/NISC website.

Announcement of competition:

- Announcements will be made through NCOA Publications, the Aging Network, and various professional journals and newsletters.
- Nomination forms are available from NCOA/NISC. Call (202) 479-6667 or e-mail Maureen.Arsenault@ncoa.org or visit www.ncoa.org
- Submit completed nomination forms to:
NCOA
NISC Research Award
c/o NISC Coordinator
1901 L Street NW 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20036

Timetable:

- Receive all nominations by the close of business day Friday, May 27th, 2011.
- Review nominations and select winner by Friday, July 31st, 2011.
- Announce Awards by September 2011.
- Present NISC Research Award during the NISC Annual Membership Reception at the national conference of The National Council on the Aging & American Society on Aging, March 28 – April 1, 2012 in Washington, D.C.
- Winner presents findings of their research in a session during the national conference of NCOA/ASA in Chicago.

National Judges:

- The NISC Research Award winner will be selected by the NISC Delegate Council.



**RESEARCH AWARD
NOMINATION FORM 2012**

● Name of Primary Researcher, Individual, or Organization Nominated:

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Award Recipient (s) _____

Name of Senior Center where research took place _____

Name of Sponsor if different than Nominator: _____

● Abstract of Research Project(s). Indicate Nature and Extent, Results, and Benefits. Please attach additional sheets:

● Submit documentation of why this individual or organization is being nominated for the NISC Research Award (Submissions may include: journal articles, dissertations, books, and other research documents). Submission or their summaries will be retained for the NCOA Resource Library and may be disseminated to NISC members.

● Where did you hear of the NISC Research Award?

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN NOMINATIONS NO LATER THAN **Friday, May 27, 2011** TO:

The National Council on the Aging, Inc.

NISC Research Award

1901 L Street NW, 4th Floor

Washington, DC 20036

F: 202-479-0735

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