



The Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance Section of Division 18 Psychology Trainee Recognition Award

The Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance section of Division 18_(Psychologists in Public Service) is soliciting nominations for our annual Psychology Trainee Recognition Award. The SMI/SED section values the diversification of psychology as a discipline including the representation of those who have lived experience with mental illness. Special attention is being paid to the exploration of BIPOC and lived experience with mental illness and how that relates to SMI/SED professional and training goals.

The goal of the award is to recognize a current trainee (including psychology practicum trainees, pre-doctoral interns, and post-doctoral trainees) who have demonstrated a strong commitment to work in the area of SMI/SED. This may include innovative research, program development, training and consultation, clinical work, advocacy, and/or a combination of the above, for adults diagnosed with serious mental illnesses or children and adolescents diagnosed with severe emotional disturbances. A prime criterion for the award is that the trainees should reflect recovery and wellness principles in their training placement choices, research, and other related work. We are especially interested in advocacy and/or policy work in the area of people with SMI/SED. Self-nominations are welcome. We are especially encouraging trainees with lived experience of mental illness to apply for this award.

Applications for the award should include:

- 1) A letter of nomination or self-nomination
- 2) A letter of recommendation from the program or training faculty who can discuss the applicant's range of abilities
- 3) A current CV from the trainee
- 4) A personal statement up to 500 words from the trainee highlighting their contributions and commitment to SMI/SED work

Trainees interested in applying for the award should send applications to sgenden@gmail.com.

Nominations are due by June 11, 2021. These nominations are active for two years with updated information and letter(s) of recommendation.

The trainee selected for this award will receive \$400, which will be awarded at the SMI/SED section virtual meeting at the Annual APA Convention in Chicago in August 2021.

We encourage all eligible trainees to apply!