



APTA Federal Researcher Award

To recognize an individual for groundbreaking contributions in research for the field of Physical Therapy within the Federal Government.

Rationale:

The Researcher Award recognizes APTA members who have participated in pioneering research in the field of PT within the Federal Government. The recipient will demonstrate achievements in advanced care delivery, improved quality of care, and innovative research.

Criteria:

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. Be a current member of the APTA
2. Be an advocate for Federal service
3. Have been involved in Federal practice for > 1 year
4. Be the author (or coauthor) of a paper dealing with physical therapy research specific to the Federal service setting. This paper must have been published in a recognized journal (e.g.: Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy, Physical Therapy, etc.) in the past two years. The Awards Committee will evaluate nominated papers based upon clarity of writing, applicability of content to clinical Federal physical therapy, relevance of results, and potential impact on both physical therapy and other disciplines.

Nomination Process:

Any current member of the APTA may nominate a candidate who meets the award criteria. Nomination packets should include:

1. One or more letters of nomination, addressed to the APTA Federal Scholarship and Awards Committee, describing how and why the nominee meets the criteria
2. A copy of the nominee's current resume or CV
3. One copy of the nominated author's paper (with complete reference citation)
4. Submit the above as a **PDF packet** to office@aptafederal.org. Please do not send individual documents as separate files.