

SECOND ANNUAL CARMEL PRIZES FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

The Western Societies of Medicine, comprised of Western Association of Physicians, Western Society for Clinical Investigation, Western Society for Pediatric Research, Western Section for American Federation for Medical Research, and Western Student Medical Research Forum and Residents Forum announce the Second Annual Carmel Prizes for Research Excellence. These unrestricted cash prizes, sponsored by the Western Association of Physicians will support early career faculty at the rank of **Assistant Professor** who demonstrate excellence in any field of medical research. Independent investigators with outstanding research productivity in biomedical, health services, clinical outcomes, medical informatics or medical epidemiology research are encouraged to apply. Two candidates will be chosen to receive the award this year. The first prize award and second prize award will be decided based on the quality of the two candidates' oral research presentations at the Western Association of Physicians (WAP) Symposium at the meeting. The first prize winner will receive \$3500; the second prize winner will receive \$2500. . Details of eligibility and the application process are as follows:

1. Applicants must be **full-time faculty members with primary appointment at the Assistant Professor level in a School of Medicine in the Western Region, at the time the applications are judged (September, 2016).**
2. Applicants must be engaged in independent, investigator-initiated research, with a record of research productivity.
3. Applications will consist of a completed NIH-style General Biographical Sketch. Please obtain the appropriate form and follow instructions from the NIH website (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm#format>). The Personal Statement section should provide a narrative of your research program and include an explanation in 2-3 sentences how you could contribute to the mentorship session discussed in item 7, below.
4. All application materials should be sent electronically to Ms. Lori Ennis (admin@medpubinc.com) by **5 PM Eastern Time on September 10, 2016.**
5. The recipients of the Carmel Prizes for Research Excellence will be announced by October 15, 2016. Prize recipients will be required to attend the Western Regional Meeting in Carmel, CA (January 26-28, 2017, website information: www.medpubinc.com) and deliver a 30-minute oral presentation on their current areas of investigation.
6. Winners will not be charged for the Meeting Registration, but travel and accommodation expenses will need to be paid for with prize money. Winners are encouraged to bring mentees to the meeting.
7. Research Prize awardees will be required to participate in one mentorship session at the 2017 Western Regional Meeting in Carmel, held as a breakfast or lunch event, with medical students, residents and fellows.