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C4 Recovery Solutions is pleased to announce that the annual call for submissions for the *Graduate Student & Early Career Researcher Competition* is now open for both the *West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders (WCSAD)* and the *Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders (CCSAD)*.



## WEST COAST SYMPOSIUM ON ADDICTIVE DISORDERS

La Quinta Resort and Club – La Quinta, CA  
**Submissions are due by March 15**



## Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders

Hyannis Resort and Conference Center – Cape Cod, Hyannis, MA  
**Submissions are due by July 15**

C4 Recovery Solutions is again delighted to offer recognition and a combination of two competitive research fellowships, 8 research grants, and 16 travel awards totaling more than **\$12,000** annually to graduate students and early career professionals for outstanding research. Authors of the top four submissions deemed to be of superior merit will be invited to present their work orally in a special paper session at each respective conference, while an additional four submissions will be selected to present their work in a poster session.

### AWARDS:

Ψ The overall winner of the competition will be awarded the **Norman Hoffmann, Ph.D. Research Fellowship**, which seeks to stimulate research by graduate students and early career professionals of exceptional promise. Two fellowships will be awarded annually (i.e., one at the WCSAD and one at the CCSAD) in recognition of distinguished performance and potential to make significant contributions to the addictions field. The recipient of the Norman Hoffmann, Ph.D. Research Fellowship will receive:

- \$500 Research Grant to be used at the Fellow's discretion.
- All-expense-paid trip to attend the weeklong Rutgers Summer School of Addiction Studies (valued at \$2,000) in New Brunswick, New Jersey.
- \$400 Travel Award to attend the WCSAD or CCSAD.
- 3 nights of lodging at the conference hotel.
- Conference registration fee waiver.

Funds are awarded directly to the recipient of the fellowship, and may be used for any activities related to the Fellow's research, including such purposes as salary, purchase of equipment, technical assistance, professional travel, etc.

The Rutgers Summer School of Addiction Studies (SSAS) builds on seven decades of successful education and collaboration, and offers attendees a weeklong professional development experience. With courses, lectures, workshops, and other educational experiences to choose from, attendees may earn over 40 hours of continuing education credits (CEU). In addition to its intensive course load, the school provides daily lectures on cutting-edge topics in the addictions field, as well as evening activities (e.g., themed movie and theater nights). SSAS provides graduate students and early career professionals the perfect opportunity to network with other professionals in the fields of addictions and behavioral health. SSAS is typically held during the second week of July each year. Further information about the Summer School of Addiction Studies can be found at the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies website: <http://alcoholstudies.rutgers.edu/>

Ψ In addition, three **Honorable Mentions** will be awarded to those submissions judged to indicate special worthiness. The three Honorable Mention award recipients will each receive:

- \$250 Research Grant to be used at the awardee's discretion.
- \$400 Travel Award to attend the WCSAD or CCSAD.
- 3 nights of lodging at the conference hotel.
- Conference registration fee waiver.

Ψ Finally, up to an additional four submissions accepted for presentation that are not selected for either the Norman Hoffmann, Ph.D. Research Fellowship or one of the three Honorable Mention awards, will receive:

- \$400 Travel Award to attend the WCSAD or CCSAD.
- Conference registration fee waiver.

All award recipients must be present to receive their award.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Persons submitting a paper/poster proposal must be the first author and be matriculated graduate students in a terminal masters or doctoral program in psychology or a related health sciences field (e.g., counseling, social work, psychiatry) OR individuals who have received their terminal degree within the past three years.

#### **TOPICS & PRIORITIES:**

Submission topics must address aspects of substance use disorders or other compulsive conditions such as eating disorders, pathological gambling, etc. The research must be in any area of addictions including assessment, prevention, and treatment.

**\*Special consideration will be afforded to those submissions with a focus on the implementation and/or evaluation of outcomes-based models related to the prevention or treatment of such conditions.**

To help tailor your presentation proposal, please note that CCSAD and WCSAD host the following target audiences:

Psychologists, Physicians, Social Workers, Mental Health Counselors, Private Practitioners, Alcohol/Drug Educators, Addiction Therapists, Substance Abuse Counselors, Nurses, Recovery Advocates, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Employee Assistance Professionals.

### **CONDITIONS OF SUBMISSION:**

The submission must include a brief (500-word maximum) structured abstract of the research project including Introduction, Method, Results, and Discussion sections. Authors should clearly state the status of data collection and analysis in their proposals. For both papers and posters, it is expected that empirically-based proposals are derived from completed research, or at least from work which is complete enough in terms of data collection and analysis so that preliminary conclusions can be drawn.

- The Research Committee will invite a selection of the submissions (i.e., Norman Hoffmann, Ph.D. Research Fellowship and three Honorable Mention award recipients) to participate in a special paper session at the conference. Authors of invited oral presentations will be allotted 15 minutes each to present the findings from their research. Electrical outlets and audio-visual equipment will be provided to facilitate oral presentations. The standard set-up is: classroom or theater-style seating, LCD projector (which will display your uploaded presentation), screen, microphone, and podium.
- The Research Committee will also select four additional submissions for presentation in a poster session, which will allow for one-on-one discussions between researchers, who display graphic representations of the findings of their studies, and interested conference attendees. Each poster will be allocated a poster board, measuring approximately 3 feet x 4 feet (vertical by horizontal), on which the poster materials should be displayed. No electrical outlets or audio-visual equipment will be provided in the poster display area. Presenters will be responsible for printing their posters prior to arrival at the respective conference.

Submission implies agreement to present at the WCSAD/CCSAD should the proposal be accepted for presentation.

All submissions must be accompanied by a 1-page nomination letter of support from an academic advisor or another professional (e.g., clinical supervisor) familiar with the applicant to describe the applicant's qualifications and verify that they are either a student in good standing with their respective graduate program or an early career professional within three years of receiving their degree.

***\*Please indicate on the submission whether the abstract is to be considered for the West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders or the Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders.***

### **SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

The C4 Recovery Solutions Research Committee will review and determine proposal submission acceptance. The committee will also select the Norman Hoffmann, Ph.D. Research Fellowship and three honorable mention award recipients. Please submit all questions and project abstracts electronically to Education & Training Committee Co-Chairs, Steven Proctor, Ph.D., and Al Kopak, Ph.D., at: [C4ResearchCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:C4ResearchCommittee@gmail.com)

Those submitting a project abstract will be notified of the selection decision within four weeks of the submission deadline for the respective conference.

Information about the West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders (WCSAD) can be found at the WCSAD website: [www.wcsad.com](http://www.wcsad.com)

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