



The GMHF/AAGP Deirdre Johnston Award for Excellence and Innovation in Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Services

\$10,000 TO BE AWARDED

APPLICATIONS DUE November 2, 2009

An award of \$10,000 will be granted to a geriatric mental health outreach services program based on excellence and/or innovation in providing services.

This award is designed to encourage programs to provide and/or expand direct services for meeting the mental health needs of the frail elderly in their homes.

The award will be presented at the Plenary Session on March 5, 2010, in conjunction with the AAGP Annual Meeting, March 5–8, in Savannah, Georgia. A representative of the award-winning program will be invited to give a brief lecture or poster presentation as part of the AAGP Annual Meeting. Travel and lodging for the AAGP Annual Meeting and meeting registration will be the responsibility of the recipient of the award.

This award is made possible by a generous gift from Arnold H. Snider to the Geriatric Mental Health Foundation. This award is named in honor of Deirdre Johnston, MBChB, MRCPsych, in gratitude for the care she provided to Kate Mills Snider, Mr. Snider's mother.

ELIGIBILITY

Geriatric mental health outreach programs that provide community services are eligible to apply. Preference is given to programs in which a geriatric psychiatrist is involved. Educational outreach (e.g., presentations to community agencies) may be a component but should not be the sole focus. Only programs are eligible to receive the award (not individuals).

Eligible applicants are U.S. and Canadian public and private nonprofit entities. For example: state, local or tribal governments; public or private universities and colleges; community- and faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations may apply.

Programs are asked to submit a 3–5 page description of their program (including the age of the program, target population, and evidence of impact) and stating why they should receive the award. Supplemental written materials may be included but CDs and DVDs are discouraged. No budget for use of the award is required.

The AAGP and Geriatric Mental Health Foundation's Awards Selection Committee is chaired by Burton V. Reifler, MD, MPH, the director of the Kate Mills Snider Geriatric Psychiatric Outreach (GO) Program.

**LETTERS OF APPLICATION
ARE DUE NOVEMBER 2, 2009.**

Send to AAGP, Attn: Johnston Geriatric Mental Health Outreach Services Award Committee, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1050, Bethesda, MD 20814

QUESTIONS? Write to
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The awardee will
be notified by
December 15, 2009.

