

Selection for the COL Mary Lipscomb Hamrick (MLH) Army Medical Specialist Corps (SP) Research Award Recipient

1. Purpose: The COL Mary Lipscomb Hamrick SP Corps Research Award (hereafter referred to as the Research Award) is awarded to an outstanding SP Officer who has made significant research or clinical investigation contributions. This SOP delineates the selection criteria and procedure to select the Research Award recipient.

2. References: OTSG Regulation No. 672-7, Decorations, Awards, and Honors – The Colonel Mary Lipscomb Hamrick SP Research Award Fund, 9 September 1987.

3. General: Any SP Officer, regardless of rank or seniority, who has made exceptional contributions in the areas of research or clinical investigation is eligible for the Research Award. Each nomination must be made on the attached form and accompanied by a curriculum vitae and copies of published articles from refereed journals. Self-nominations for the award are accepted.

4. Selection Criteria: Selection for this award will be based on demonstrated accomplishments and contributions in the areas of research and clinical investigation. Contributions are expected to exceed those normally associated with the nominee's duty requirements and may include, but are not restricted to:

- a. Active participation in research or clinical investigation studies.
- b. Publication of research papers in professional journals.
- c. Presentation of research and related papers at professional meetings.
- d. Active leadership in the field of research and clinical investigation. Examples include:

(1) Provided support and encouragement to other SP officers to conduct research and clinical investigation.

(2) Establish research networks with allied military, governmental agencies, non-governmental agencies, academic institutions and professional organizations.

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(3) Promoted the importance of research and the integration of research into clinical practice, etc.

e. Initiation of a unique scientific study which has the potential to make significant contributions to the quality of health care delivery, enhance clinical practices or positively impact the SP Corps, AMEDD or Army.

f. Significant or unique contributions to research and clinical investigation, which have the potential to make a long-term positive affect on the SP Corps, AMEDD or Army.

5. Selection Process:

a. Forms Used:

(1) Nomination/Application for the COL Mary Lipscomb Hamrick SP Corps Research Award (Encl 1).

(2) MLH Research Award Nominee Evaluation Worksheet (Encl 2).

b. Policy:

(1) The Research Award will be awarded each year the MHL Research Course is held provided that the last two nominations are submitted which meet the prescribed selection criteria.

(2) The Research Award will be presented at the MHL Research Course when possible.

c. Responsibilities: The Consultant to the Surgeon General in SP Corps Clinical Investigation and Research (hereafter referred to as the administrator of the board) serves as the administrator of the governing board and the administrative officer for the Research Award (further detail in OTSG Reg. 672-7).

d. Procedure:

(1) The administrator of the board will call for nominations not later than 3 months prior to Research Course date. This call will be made so as to reach a maximum number SP Corps officers. Suggested mediums include email, the SP Corps web site and the SP Corps Medallion Newsletter.

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(2) Nominations/application for the Research Award will be made on the appropriate form (Encl 1). Prospective applicants will be asked to submit a reprint or copy of all published papers.

(3) The administrator of the board will assemble packets for each applicant containing the nomination(s)/application, reprints and the evaluation worksheets.

(4) Completed packets will be forwarded to the Assistant to the Chief, SP Corps at least four (4) weeks prior to the meeting of the selection panel, who will route the packets to members of the selection panel. The selection panel will consist of the Chief, SP Corps and the four SP Corps Section Chiefs (OT, PT, DT and PA Sections).

(5) Members of the selection panel will independently rate each application using the MLH Research Award Nominee Evaluation Worksheet (Encl 2). Panel members will return the nomination packets in their entirety, and the completed MLH Research Award Nominee Evaluation Worksheets (Encl 2) to the Assistant to the Chief, SP Corps.

(6) The Assistant to the Chief, SP Corps will compile the scores from the MLH Research Award Nominee Evaluation Worksheets (Encl 2) and determine the order of merit list (OML). The Assistant to the Chief, SP Corps will return the nomination packets, in their entirety, the completed MLH Research Award Nominee Evaluation Worksheets (Encl 2) and the OML to the administrator of the board.

(7) The Assistant to the Chief, SP Corps will coordinate with the Research Award Fund Custodian to obtain funds for an appropriate award/token to be presented to the Research Award recipient (fund custodian is Commander, Army Medical Department Center and School, Resource Management, Budget Division for the Office, Secretary of the Army; APC AW56). The Assistant to the Chief, SP Corps is responsible for obtaining the award/token and forwarding it to administrator of the board and engraving the award recipient's name on a perpetual plaque in the SP Corps Chief's Office.

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