DONALD E. SUPER FELLOWSHIP
FOR THE SUPPORT OF DISSERTATION RESEARCH
ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Donald E. Super Fellowship is given for the support of dissertation research on a topic related to career development. The Donald E. Super Fellowship was established in honor of the late Donald E. Super and funded by Consulting Psychologists Press; it is now funded by the Society/Division 17. Announcement of the Award winner is made at the annual APA convention. The procedures to be followed in the nomination of candidates, selection of an Award winner, and presentation of the Award are detailed below.

CRITERIA:

1. The Donald E. Super Fellowship is given for the support of dissertation research on a topic related to career development. The Donald E. Super Fellowship award will be based on the quality of the dissertation proposal and its potential for advancing our knowledge in the area of career development. Both qualitative and quantitative research projects are eligible for this award.

2. Nominees must be doctoral students enrolled in a counseling psychology program. Nominees must be current members of SAS. The students must have already proposed, but not completed, the dissertation.

3. Although Donald E. Super Fellowship recipients may use the Award to cover expenses already incurred, the anticipated dissertation defense date should not fall before the award date (i.e., should not fall before June 1st of the year of application for the Award, which is the date by which the Executive Board will announce its decision).

4. No voting members of the Executive Board of the Society/Division 17 shall be eligible to be nominated for the Donald E. Super Fellowship during the time they serve on the Board.

5. In the case of a tie two awards may be given, splitting the monetary award.

6. Though the Award ordinarily will be voted annually, the Executive Board may elect not to make an Award in any given year.

PROCEDURES:

1. A call for nominations for the Donald E. Super Fellowship will appear in the fall issue of the Society/Division 17 Newsletter or the currently used publication medium, and the SAS Newsletter. Nomination packets are to be uploaded in one pdf file to awards@div17.org no later than February 15. Use the nominee’s last name and award in the file name.

2. One copy of the dissertation proposal (or an abstract of the proposal, neither to exceed 30 pages of text inclusive of title page, proposal text, references and tables/figures), signed by the
dissertation committee members indicating their approval of the proposal, must be submitted to along with the letter of nomination. The letter of nomination (written by self or other) should include the name, address, program and institutional affiliation, and SAS membership status of the nominee, and should indicate the anticipated completion date of the dissertation (i.e., the date the final dissertation is approved by the doctoral committee).

3. Representatives of the Student Affiliates of Seventeen will serve as ex-officio members of the Society/Division 17 Awards and Recognition Committee for purposes of ranking the Award nominees. Such representatives will have one vote collectively.

4. The Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee (or the Chair’s designee) will be responsible for collecting nominations and for obtaining evaluations of the nominations from the Committee. All reviewers will be given a rating form on which they are to rate the research (using a five point scale) on: (a) relevance to career development and counseling psychology, (b) quality of design and methodology, (c) originality, (d) potential contribution to the literature, and (e) overall evaluation. Each reviewer will rate and then rank the nominee and send both ratings and rankings to the Chair (or the Chair’s designee) who will then compute mean ratings. Based on these mean ratings the Chair will submit a rank ordered list of nominees to the Society/Division 17 Executive Board for a vote.

5. Election of the Award winner will be decided by written or verbal ballot by majority vote of the voting members of the Executive Board of Society/Division 17. The Award winner will be notified by the President following this vote, but no later than June 1, but no public announcement of the winner will be made until the Society/Division’s business meeting at the APA Convention.

6. The Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee will provide the winner’s name and contact information, social security number, and the name of the award won to the Society/Division 17 treasurer by June 1st. The treasurer will prepare the check and give it to the Society/Division 17 President for presentation at the Annual Business Meeting in August.

7. After the APA Convention, an announcement of the winner will be published in the fall issue of the Society/Division 17 Newsletter or currently used publication medium, the SAS Newsletter, and The Counseling Psychologist. An abstract of the research will be published in the SAS Newsletter.