



Research Matters! Award **Request for Nominations**

The Arc of the United States is seeking nominations for its **2010 Research Matters! Award**. This award honors an outstanding researcher who has contributed in significant ways to research that enhances the well-being of persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families, or that prevents such conditions and/or related effects.

Beginning in 2010, a researcher will be selected whose focus is on either basic or applied research, alternating the focus of each type of research every year. ***This year's research award will focus on applied research and next year's award will focus on basic research.***

Applied research refers to scientific study and research that seeks to solve practical problems. Applied research is used to find solutions to everyday problems and develop innovative approaches.

Basic research refers to the study and research of pure science that is meant to increase our scientific knowledge base. This type of research is often purely theoretical with the intent of increasing our understanding of certain phenomena or behavior.

To nominate a worthy researcher for this prestigious recognition, please submit the following information by **July 1, 2010** ([click here](#) to access the nomination form):

1. Name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of nominator; also include the length and extent of professional relationship with nominee
2. Name, address, phone number and e-mail address of nominee
3. A 1 - 2 page summary of the research conducted by the nominee that addresses its scientific merit, innovative qualities and relevance to people with intellectual disabilities and their families
4. The nominee's curriculum vitae
5. Representative reprint (i.e., copies of applicant's research articles, publications, etc.)
6. At least one letter of support from an individual knowledgeable about the quality and impact of the nominee's work

Criteria

The following criteria will be applied in selecting the awardee:

1. Importance of the research discovery to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.
2. Practical significance and impact for people with disabilities.
3. Relationship to research topics identified as priorities in the 2006 report, [National Goals and Research for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#).
4. History of work in the specified research area over a number of years that leads to a significant research conclusion.

Presentation of the Award

The Arc will honor the recipient during The Arc's 2010 60th National Convention in Orlando, Florida. The award recipient will receive the following:

1. An expense-paid trip to be presented with the award and to make a presentation at The Arc's 60th National Convention
2. A cash award of \$1,000 to the research center of the winner's choice.
3. Complimentary convention registration and Arc membership for the year the award is conferred.
4. An awards plaque.
5. Invitation to serve on The Arc's Committee for the Advancement of Knowledge and Understanding.

Responsibilities of the Award Recipient

The award recipient will be responsible to:

1. Prepare a brief summary of the research results in a form and style that will be relevant to and accessible by laypersons.
2. Cooperate with The Arc's staff in creation and distribution of public announcements, press releases, e-newsletter articles, website content or other material relevant to publicizing the award and the research discovery.
3. Prepare and present a breakout session about the research results at the 2010 National Convention.
4. Present a webinar session, with the assistance of The Arc staff, about the research results on two occasions on dates and times to be agreed upon.

5. Be available to present the research results, upon request, at annual meetings or events sponsored by state chapters of The Arc on a minimum of two occasions on dates and times to be agreed upon. Travel costs to be paid by the sponsoring organization.

NOTE: The recipient must adhere to The Arc's preference for using people-first language in all application materials and when presenting at Convention.

Nominations are due no later than July 1, 2010. Please submit your application electronically by [clicking this link](#) and filling out the form. If you have any questions regarding the application process, contact Leigh Ann Davis at ldavis@thearc.org or 202-534-3727.

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Previous award winners include:

B. F. Skinner, Ph.D.	Alfred A. Baumeister, Ph.D.	Edward Carr, Ph.D.
Park S. Gerald, M.D.	Andreas Rett, M.D.	Robert Schalock, Ph.D.
Sidney W. Bijou, Ph.D.	Siegfried Pueschel, M.D.	Marsha Malick Seltzer, Ph.D.
Kenneth Lyons Jones, M.D.	Steven Reiss, Ph.D.	Marty Wyngaarden Krauss, Ph.D.
Rosalyn S. Yalow, Ph.D.	Murray Sidman, Ph.D.	David P. Wacker, Ph.D.
Robert Guthrie, Ph.D., M.D.	Robert Horner, Ph.D.	Ann P. Turnbull, Ed.D.
Robert Edgerton, Ph.D.	Hugo Moser, M.D.	Mark L. Batshaw, M.D.
Jerome Lejeune, M.D., Ph.D.	Douglas Guess, Ed.D.	Wayne S. Sailor, Ph.D.
Harry M. Mayer, Jr., M.D.	Travis Thompson, Ph.D.	Susan Parish, Ph.D.
Paul Parkman, M.D., FAAP	Michael J. Guralnick, Ph.D.	
David Braddock, Ph.D.	Charles J. Epstein, M.D.	