The Poletsky Award is presented annually by the Knight Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (KADRC) at Washington University, and is intended to enhance the career development of a promising student or fellow working towards a research, clinical and/or other service career focusing on aging and dementia. Nominees should already be involved in the aging and dementia field and making a meaningful contribution in their chosen discipline. PLEASE consider nominating an outstanding individual for this $1,000 award. The nomination deadline is Friday, October 7 at 5:00 PM.

Criteria for Nomination & Award:
- Any Washington University faculty engaged with the Knight ADRC and/or its affiliated studies may submit a nomination. Multiple nominations from a faculty member are welcome, but nominations must be submitted individually (i.e. no group nominations).
- The nominee must be a student enrolled in a graduate degree program, a resident, or a postdoctoral fellow working in a Washington University lab or program. Former fellows or residents with faculty or staff status at the time of application are not eligible.
- Selection criteria includes academic accomplishments, nominee’s current and potential future impact on the study of aging and dementia, and involvement of the nominee in Knight ADRC activities.
- Nominations should be e-mailed as attachments to Jennifer Phillips, Education Core Coordinator, phillipsj@wustl.edu by Friday, October 7 at 5:00 PM. Only one nominee per submission. The nomination must include the following:
  1. A 1-2 page letter from the nominating faculty member detailing the nominee's educational background and current contributions to aging and dementia research, including clinical and/or psychosocial care. Please speak to nominee’s career objectives and how the Poletsky Award will further learning and growth in the future. Please include mention of how the award may serve to assist the candidate’s career. Only one nominee permitted per letter.
  2. A copy of the nominee's CV.

About the Poletsky Award:
The Richard and Mildred Poletsky Education Fund was initiated in 1995 by the family of Mr. Richard Poletsky, a native of St. Louis and alumnus of Washington University. Mr. Poletsky worked as an electrical engineer in civil service. He and his family were dedicated to advancing the understanding of Alzheimer’s disease and both Mr. and Mrs. Poletsky were active supporters of the Knight ADRC. Beginning in 1995, Mrs. Poletsky presented the award annually in memory of her husband until her death in 2016. Rhonda Banford and Sheila Glazer continue the Poletsky Award in honor of their parents.

The $1,000 award is intended to enhance ongoing education and career development. The awardee may use the funds to attend a professional conference, purchase educational materials (books, software, journal subscriptions), or pay professional dues. Items must be purchased and the cost reimbursed through the University.

Prior Awardees:
2015 – Matthew Brier (Ances Lab)
2014 – Andrew Aschenbrenner (Balota Lab)
2013 - Davis Ryman (DIAN-TU)
2012 – Sarah DeVos (Miller Lab), Heather Bailey (Zacks Lab)
2011 – Jonathan Jackson (Aging & Development)
2010 – Rebecca Craig-Schapiro (Holtzman Lab)
2009 - Elizabeth Mulligan (Clinical Psychology)
2008 – Nupur Ghoshal (Knight ADRC)
2007 – John “Keoni” Kauwe (Goate Lab)
2006 – Suzanne Wahrle Schindler (Holtzman Lab)
2005 – Rebecca Craig-Schapiro (Holtzman Lab)

The Knight ADRC looks forward to receiving your nominations by Friday, October 7 at 5:00 PM. The award presentation will be held November 2, 3:00 pm in the Knight ADRC Conference Room, 4488 Forest Park Avenue.

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