# TCN/AACN Student Project Competition

*The Clinical Neuropsychologist (TCN)* and the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN) announce jointly sponsoring a yearly competition for the best scholarly manuscript based on a student project.  The winner will be announced at the AACN annual meeting (starting in 2016).  The first prize winner will receive a $1,000 monetary award, and two runner-ups will receive $500 each.

DEADLINE: *TCN* is accepting eligible submissions effective immediately.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Manuscripts must be a result of a student project (e.g., Master's thesis, dissertation, prelim/comp project, etc.).
- Student contestant must be the first, as well as the corresponding, author.  It is encouraged (but not mandatory) that faculty advisors co-author the manuscript.
- At the time of the initial submission, student contestant must still have a student status, or must be no more than 1 year past earning doctoral degree. This must be clearly stated in the cover letter accompanying the submission.
- Manuscripts must be consistent with the Aims and Scope of *TCN* (http://www.tandfonline.com/action/journalInformation?show=aimsScope&journalCode=ntcn20#.VS_hcZOPbfc)
- Manuscripts must follow *TCN* submission guidelines and format.
- Authors must indicate that their submission is a competition entry by checking the appropriate box during the electronic submission process (i.e., answering "yes" to the question "Is this submission eligible for the TCN/AACN Student Project Contest?").
- Original research, meta-analyses, critical reviews, and case studies are all eligible.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Only manuscripts that have successfully undergone the regular peer-review process and have been deemed appropriate for publication in *TCN* can be selected as winners.  Winners will be selected from among articles that are *accepted for publication* in a given year (May 1-April 29).  Following the successful peer-review process, eligible articles will be reviewed by the AACN Student Affairs Committee (SAC) and judged based on the fit with the following criteria:

- The topic of the manuscript is timely and important.
- Manuscript clearly articulates (in the introduction and the discussion, as appropriate) its clinical relevance and its contribution to evidence-based practice.
- Relevant literature is reviewed in appropriate depth and breadth.
- The employed method and statistical analyses are particularly rigorous, innovative, parsimonious, elegant, or otherwise notable.
- Manuscript has the potential to have direct impact on clinical practice.
- During the review process, the author was responsive and thorough when addressing reviewer suggestions.

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