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The Morgan Awards Program: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Morgan Awards Program?

The Morgan Awards Program is a series of awards that are a memorial tribute to Susan Morgan.

These awards are presented as recognition of individual personal achievement of a dietetic intern or practicum student for their research project.

The Morgan awards commend and encourage dietetic interns and practicum students in honour and memory of the late Susan Morgan, a Dietitians of Canada (DC) Member and CFDR Manager who was an ardent supporter of the dietetic profession, of practice-based research and of mentoring novice researchers.

The program consists of two award categories:

Regional awards: One award is presented annually in each of the six regions of Dietitians of Canada.

National Award: A national Morgan Medal recipient is selected from amongst the regional award recipients.

Who was Susan Morgan?

The late Susan Morgan was a DC Member who had a genuine love for and dedication to the dietetics profession. She had a passion for the areas of education and practice-based research and actively promoted dietitians' acquisition of knowledge. In addition to several administrative and marketing positions she worked as a Clinical Coordinator for the McGill Dietetics Stage Program and more recently the Manager of the Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research. She believed in learning from experience and supporting colleagues. She was an accomplished teacher and invited others to share their knowledge.

Susan was well loved, admired and respected for her admirable personal qualities. These attributes include: a sense of humour; positive outlook; enthusiasm for new ideas; the ability to rise to challenges; strength and determination, even in the face of adversity; leadership and devotion to her work, her friends and her family.

Who is eligible for the Morgan Awards?

These awards are presented as recognition of individual personal achievement of a dietetic intern or practicum student for their completed research project. Anyone who was a dietetic intern or a practicum student in a Dietitians of Canada (DC) accredited program in the year preceding the date of application is eligible. This includes students who were in their final year of an integrated undergraduate degree with internship, a post-degree internship, and those who are currently undergoing a combined master's degree and internship. Interns who have obtained their dietetic internship research competencies from prior credit learning (i.e. senior thesis, summer student research awards) are also eligible. To be eligible, the applicant must be a student (Qualifying) member of Dietitians of Canada at the time of application.

What if I have completed my dietetic internship / practicum research competencies by obtaining credit for prior research activities?

These Morgan Medal awards are presented as recognition of individual personal achievement of a dietetic intern or practicum student for their completed research project. Interns who have been given credit for prior learning (i.e. senior thesis, summer student research awards) for their dietetic internship / practicum research competencies are eligible. Your Internship / Practicum supervisor must confirm prior learning research competencies in writing to Diana Sheh diana.sheh@dietitians.ca. To be eligible, the applicant must currently be in an integrated undergraduate degree with internship, a post-degree internship, or undergoing a combined master's degree and internship. They must also be a student (qualifying) member of Dietitians of Canada at the time of application.

Do I have to apply for this award, and if so what is the application procedure?

The award requires an application. The application is due January 16, 2012, 4:00 pm EST to Diana Sheh diana.sheh@dietitians.ca.

Applications may be submitted in either official language, and must be an electronic copy with the applicant's description of the project and letter as attachments in the email. The research supervisor must send the reference form directly to CFDR (see details below in c).

The application consists of 3 parts:

(a) A description of the project that was used to obtain internship research competencies (300 words maximum; a copy of the abstract you have already written for your internship is appropriate, including the results of your project.)

The internship project must be complete at the time of application.

Research completed as group work is eligible; if you completed your research as part of a group project, be sure to explain your role in the big picture of the project. Any member of a group is eligible to submit an individual application, explaining their role in the research project. Important concepts to incorporate into this piece of writing are: clarity, conciseness and indicating that you understand the link between practice and research by stating how your research is relevant to current and future dietetic practice.

(b) A letter describing a key learning or significant milestone you had in conducting research. For example this could be a moment when: your research project 'clicked' in your head and you became committed to it, the ethical considerations in your research registered with you, you figured out how to overcome a challenge in your research project, you made a connection with a research subject or another member of your research team, or when you found beauty, intrigue or inspiration while conducting research. Important concepts to incorporate into this piece of writing are: that you learn from experience, that you understand why research is important in dietetic practice, and that you have potential as a contributor to dietetic research (as demonstrated by your enthusiasm for and commitment to research and also by your openness to and potential for inquiry). (This letter should be addressed to the Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research and should be a maximum length of 2 pages double-spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font).

(c) A completed Reference Form from your research supervisor. The form is available on the CFDR website. The research supervisor must complete the form and submit it.

How are the Regional Morgan Award recipients and the National Morgan Medal recipient chosen?

Applications from each DC region are reviewed by a panel of judges representing all DC regions. The applications are scored using a scoring sheet that is standardized and used in all regions across the country. The Regional Morgan Award recipients are the applicants in each region with the highest total score when the scores from all the judges are added up and discussed. The National Morgan Medal recipient is the Regional Morgan Award recipient with the highest score.

25% of your score is based on your research description/abstract.

60% of your score is based on your key learning or significant milestone letter.

15% of your score is based on the completed reference form.

A minimum score of 80% is required to be considered for the award.

What do the Morgan Medal Award winners receive?

1. Regional Morgan Awards

- One dietetic intern / practicum student from each of the six DC regions will be awarded a Regional Morgan Award (if an eligible applicant is selected from the region.)
- Recipients become the regional nominees for the national award - The National Morgan Medal.
- Recipients receive a commemorative plaque which will be presented at a DC regional activity.
- Recipients will also be announced at the national DC conference where the Morgan Medal is presented, and will have the career-long recognition by other dietitians, regionally and nationally, for the honour associated with having won a Morgan Award.

2. The National Morgan Medal

- The annual recipient receives airfare, accommodation and conference registration to the DC Conference. Attending the conference is a valuable learning activity and is as valuable as the days that the recipient may miss during their internship or from their employment.
- A commemorative plaque will be presented at the DC Conference when the DC achievement awards are presented.
- The National Morgan Medal Award Winner is required to display a poster presentation of their research project at the national conference.
- The Morgan Medal recipient is invited to submit an application to the existing Dietitians of Canada International Travel Award for Novice Researchers (which is presented every four years and includes attendance to the International Congress of Dietetics). CFDR will mentor the winner in completing the application; more information on the Dietitians of Canada International Travel Award for Novice Researchers can be found at:
<http://www.dietitians.ca/Member-Community/Awards/International-Travel-Award-for-Novice-Researchers.aspx>

How can I donate to the Susan Morgan Tribute Program?

Donations from individuals, institutions and corporations can be made through the Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research. Donation and contact information can be found at: <http://www.cfdr.ca/morgan.html>