

The ACNP "NEATOR" Award (Final)  
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The ACNP has established an award that recognizes the best original paper published in *Neuropsychopharmacology* during the previous year. This award requires an on-going infrastructural commitment from ACNP in the form of funds and a slot during the award ceremony at the annual conference.

The award was developed by the 2013 team of *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors in response to discussions initiated by ACNP President David Lewis about approaches to further strengthen the journal. There are numerous goals:

- To recognize the best papers published in our journal and honor the researchers who performed the work.
- To provide an incentive for ACNP members to submit their best work to our journal.
- To provide an opportunity to develop positive relationships between the ACNP and top researchers who are not currently members of the college.
- To foster positive relationships between our journal and junior/early-career investigators, such that these investigators will continue to consider *Neuropsychopharmacology* for their work in the future and provide service as reviewers or editors.
- To provide an additional distinction that may facilitate promotion within ACNP or at home institutions.
- To perpetuate the sense of enthusiasm for outstanding contributions and collegiality for which ACNP is broadly known.

A detailed description of the award and the decision process is as follows:

1. The award is called "*Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Transformative Original Report" (i.e., The "NEATOR").
2. The award is open to anyone who publishes an original paper in *Neuropsychopharmacology*, regardless of ACNP membership status.
3. The award *will be given to one (1) paper each year and* comprises a cash prize (\$1,500 in total) and a plaque. The award will be made to the first author and (if different than the first author) the senior/corresponding author. In cases where the first author and senior/corresponding author share the award, both will be considered equal awardees; each will receive a plaque and half of the cash prize (\$750).
4. The award will be presented at the ceremony in which the other ACNP awards are presented.
5. The ACNP will endeavor to ensure that at least one member of the *first author/corresponding author* team attends the annual meeting to accept the award. *In cases where the first author is also the corresponding author and a non-member, they*

*will receive an invitation to the meeting and the ACNP will provide support for lodging and travel (coach). In cases where the first author and corresponding author are different, if one co-author is an ACNP member (any level) but the other is not, the non-member will receive an invitation to attend the conference. If neither co-author is an ACNP member (any level), both will receive invitations to the annual meeting, and the ACNP will also provide support for lodging and travel (coach) for one of the co-authors to attend the annual meeting. The final decision of which co-author receives travel support will be made by the senior/corresponding author. No travel support will be provided to awardees who are ACNP members (any level).*

6. The ACNP will consider petitions from the senior/corresponding author to transfer the award to a different team of two co-authors. Such petitions will include a justification for why the award should be transferred and be signed by all of the authors involved. The number of awardees will not exceed a maximum of two. The final decision with regard to transferring the award will be made by the ACNP Council.

7. The paper will be chosen by the following process: the Editor-in-Chief (EIC), Deputy Editors, and Associate Editors will each nominate one original paper that was published in print during the previous calendar year. It is expected that Editors will be most familiar with papers they handled, but nominations can be for any original paper (excluding reviews). Nominations will be due on July 1 of each year and will include the author, title, date published in print, and a brief (<100 word) nomination describing any relevant information, including novelty, innovation, citations, and/or impact. The nominations will be collated by the Managing Editor and, together with the PDFs of the papers, distributed to the Editors by July 15. Each Editor will vote on all papers (unless there is a conflict of interest) using an NIH-type scoring system that ranges from 1 (strongest) to 10 (weakest), and submit their scores to the Managing Editor by *July 31*. Editors will not vote on individual papers for which they have a conflict of interest; examples of disqualifying conflicts include being an author on a nominated paper, being at the same home institution as an author, having had a mentor/mentee relationship with an author within the last 10 years, or being co-investigators with an author on a grant. The paper with the lowest mean score will win the award. In the event of a tie, the EIC will make the final selection. The EIC will submit the recommendation to Council by *August 1* for approval per standard ACNP procedures.

8. The awardees will have no additional responsibilities or duties, such as an oral presentation, to minimize the impact of this award on the density of the annual meeting program.