

## JOSEPHINE MILLS RESEARCH AWARDS

### Description

The Down Syndrome Research Foundation (DSRF) has established the Josephine Mills Research Awards to honour and recognize outstanding researchers in the fields of Down syndrome (DS) and MEG research. Jo Mills was the founding Executive Director of the DSRF and recently retired from this position. Jo has been honored with a 2001 Chancellor's Distinguished Service Award from Simon Fraser University and a service award from Down Syndrome International in 1999. She was inducted into the Who's Who of Canadian Women and in 1999 was nominated for a YWCA Women of Distinction Award. In 2006 she was awarded the Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal and was inducted into the Order of British Columbia in 2007, in recognition of her service to the field of developmental disability in Canada.

The Josephine Mills Research Awards have been named to recognize her contribution to the field of Down syndrome.

There are two categories of awards:

### **1) Exceptional contribution to research in Down syndrome**

The first category will be awarded annually to an outstanding researcher who has made an exceptional contribution to research in DS and has demonstrated a high degree of leadership and dedication within the DS community.

### **2) Excellence in MEG research in developmental neuroscience.**

The second category will be awarded annually to an outstanding researcher or promising young scientist who has demonstrated excellence in MEG related research in developmental neuroscience and has demonstrated a high degree of innovation, creativity and leadership in MEG studies on infants and children. Preference may be given to researchers using innovative imaging approaches to understand developmental disabilities.

### Terms and Conditions

The Award consists of \$1000.00 for each recipient, a personal plaque and a plaque at DSRF where the names of the recipients will be listed each year. Each recipient will also be invited to submit a review paper of their work for a featured publication in the journal, Down Syndrome Quarterly. Each recipient will be invited to attend the award presentation at the annual Research Award Dinner.

The recipients will be selected on the recommendation of an international peer review committee. Members of the Selection Committee and DSRF scientists may not be nominated.

### Nomination Procedures

Each candidate must be nominated by a professional working in the area of Down syndrome or developmental neuroscience. Candidates may be nominated on more than one occasion provided that they still meet the eligibility requirements.

The nomination package should include:

1. A letter from the nominator outlining the reasons why the nominee should be considered for the award (max 3 pages). The letter should summarize the nominee's achievements in the area of DS research or MEG research and highlight the contributions made to the DS community or the MEG community.
2. Three letters of reference from external experts.
3. Curriculum vitae of the nominee.

Nomination deadline:

Nominations must be received by December 31, 2007. The complete package must be sent via email as a PDF document to:

Dr. Naznin Virji-Babul  
Chair, Josephine Mills Research Award Selection Committee  
naznin@dsrf.org

Final Decision on the award

The final decision will be made by the Selection Committee. The decision will be announced in February 2008 and the presentation will be made at a Gala dinner in March/April 2008.