



American Music Therapy Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter

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Announcement MAR-AMTA Research Awards

Through the vision and leadership of the Mid-Atlantic Region Executive Board (MAR-AMTA), the MAR Research Committee is pleased to announce the significant expansion of research awards for MAR members. Three awards are available, as follows:

MAR Research/Special Project Award – up to \$5,000.00

The MAR Research Award provides financial assistance to members of the MAR (students and professionals) who wish to pursue a research study or a special project consistent with the mission and goals of the MAR. For research studies, outcomes are to further clinical, professional or disciplinary knowledge. Quantitative, qualitative, or mixed methods as well as research synthesis may be used according to the research question(s) posed. For special projects, outcomes may include (but are not limited to) material products, publications, model demonstrations of practice, and education/training activities of potential benefit to the membership beyond the period of funding. Priority will be given to those applications reflecting research or special projects that 1) address a need in relation to the MAR mission and goals, 2) can reasonably be completed within a twelve-month period, and 3) includes methodology that is presented in a clear and systematic fashion. Due February 8th, 2016.

MAR Collaborative Research Award – up to \$5,000.00

Collaborative Research Grants are intended to stimulate cooperative research among scholars and clinicians (team science concepts) who have a focus on a clearly identified research project. They may also be used for interdisciplinary work with scholars outside the field of music therapy, especially when such work shows promise of continuing beyond the year funded (e.g. a pilot project in a hospital that provides preliminary evidence for a larger study). Collaborative project proposals are expected to describe plans for having the results of the research published. Teams that include both students and professionals are eligible to apply. Due February 8th, 2016.

MAR Graduate Student Research Award – up to \$1,000.00

The MAR Graduate Student Research Award assists graduate music therapy students undertaking original thesis or dissertation research with a grant of up to \$1,000.00 to support research costs *prior* to the completion of their thesis/dissertation. This can include assistance with materials (e.g. data collection tools, music, etc.), consultation fees (e.g. methodologist/statistician), and/or expert mentorship (mentorship from expert faculty in the student's area of research who are not faculty at the student's university of study). Systematic reviews, meta analyses and meta syntheses will also be considered, but final projects that do not involve research will not be considered. The award is given for excellence in concept, methodological sophistication, and clinical benefit. Due May 1st, 2016.

Further Information

Detailed submission guidelines will be sent by November 1st, 2015. For more information on the MAR Research Awards, please contact Tony Meadows, Chair MAR Research Committee: ameadows2@su.edu.