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I started out teaching college students how to learn more effectively. Hypnosis was one of the techniques that seemed to be useful. Over time, I have helped establish the value of alert, eyes open hypnosis especially as it relates to academic, sport, and other kinds of performance. Moreover, since the early days of my training, there have been great and continuing discoveries in neuroscience. My long-term vision is for a clearer, more useful integration of both those fields. To that end, the prize is designed to stimulate investigation and interaction between specialists in clinical hypnosis and neuroscience. I am grateful to the officers and staff of the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis, and the ASCH Education and Research Foundation, and my family for making it possible.

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The David Wark Family Prize in
Hypnosis and Neuroscience

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AN AWARD OF
\$5000

For an original paper that both
Advances Neuroscience
Knowledge
and
Enhances the Practice of
Hypnosis

Goals of the Wark Family Prize

- Stimulate new clinical and nonclinical research on hypnosis.
- Encourage neuroscience contributions to understanding the mechanisms of hypnosis, hypnotic talent, and hypnotic phenomena.
- Publicize the contribution of hypnosis in understanding the neuroscience of consciousness.
- Increase the appreciation of hypnosis as a normal human capacity.

Content of the Paper

The ideal paper might be any of the following unpublished works in English:

- Clarification of brain mechanisms underlying hypnosis;
- A study of consciousness states and the impact on, or of, hypnosis;
- Explanation of the mechanism of a specific hypnotic phenomenon;
- Documentation of the range of hypnotic talent/ability.

Structure of the Paper

The ideal paper might be:

- Original empirical research;
- Systematic review of literature;
- Case reports with discussion and generalization.

Judging Criteria

Does the paper:

- Clarify the neuroscience of a process underlying hypnosis. (For example: post-traumatic amnesia.)
- Document the clinical applications of the underlying process. (For example: treatment of post-traumatic amnesia using new information.)
- Contain implications for nonclinical applications for hypnosis. (For example: education, performance, recreation, creativity.)

Announcement of the Award

The award will be announced at a national meeting of ASCH, and the winning paper will be published in the *American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis*. If more than one submission is found worthy, the Editor-in-Chief may decide how many to publish.

Submission Process Instruction

- Go to www.ASCH.net. Click on the “Public” tab, scroll down and select American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis. On the left side, under AJCH Information, find “Instructions for Authors.” These instructions must be followed for all submissions.
- Submissions must have the tag words “Wark Prize Submission” above the title.
- The Editor-in-Chief, American Journal of Clinical Hypnosis, a neuroscience researcher and a hypnosis clinician will review and judge the papers’ quality and relevance in meeting the goals of the Prize.
- Submissions accepted starting May 1, 2015.

For information on submissions, judging criteria, dates and deadlines, send questions about the Wark Family Prize to wfp@asch.net
