IAEDP FOUNDATION CRAIG JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

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Purpose

The iaedp Foundation Craig Johnson Scholarship honors Dr. Craig Johnson, PhD, CEDS, FAED's decades of supporting education and helping shape generations of eating disorders professionals. His investment in the growth of others has strengthened the field and the care provided to individuals and families affected by eating disorders.

Through this scholarship, the Foundation continues and supports Dr. Johnson's commitment to investing in the next generation by helping graduate students and early career professionals attend the Annual Global Symposium. Recipients are encouraged to consider how what they learn will shape their work over the next five years and how they, in turn, can contribute to the growth of others in the field.

Scholarship Awards

Two (2) scholarships will be offered each year, subject to available funding: one (1) Symposium registration for a graduate student and one (1) Symposium registration for an early career professional. Each scholarship covers the full standard registration fee for that year's Symposium.

Travel, accommodation, meals outside the registration package, and separately priced workshops or other activities are not included. Scholarships are applied directly to registration, have no cash value, and may not be transferred or deferred.

Eligibility

- Graduate student category: Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate degree program relevant to the study, prevention, or treatment of eating disorders at the time of application.
- Early career professional category: Applicants must have fewer than five years of professional experience in the eating disorders field as of the first day of the Symposium.

- Applicants must demonstrate financial need and a commitment to the Foundation and the eating disorders field.
- Applicants from all countries are eligible; current Foundation membership is not required.
- Applicants who qualify for both categories must select one category.
- An individual may receive the Craig Johnson Scholarship only once in their lifetime, regardless of category.

Application Process

Applicants must submit a letter of application of no more than 500 words. The letter must address:

- Financial need and how the scholarship would make attendance possible.
- Their commitment to the Foundation and the eating disorders field, including how they hope to contribute or have contributed.
- The following question: "How would you use what you learn from this event to chart your next five years?"

Applicants must submit a résumé or curriculum vitae with their application letter. They must also provide their name, contact information, selected category, and graduate program and enrollment status or date of entry into professional work in the eating disorders field. The résumé or curriculum vitae and administrative details do not count toward the 500-word limit. No recommendation letter or financial records are required with the application.

Selection and Approval

The Senior Advisory Council will review eligible applications and recommend one recipient in each category to the Board of Directors for approval. Applications will be considered on demonstrated financial need, commitment to the Foundation and the field, and a thoughtful, practical response to the five-year question. Reviewers must disclose conflicts of interest and withdraw from discussion and selection when a conflict exists.

An alternate may be recommended in each category. If a recipient declines or cannot attend, the scholarship may be offered to the approved alternate. A scholarship need not be awarded if no eligible application meets the criteria or funding is unavailable.

Administration and Records

The Foundation will publish application instructions and deadlines, confirm eligibility, notify applicants, and coordinate recipient registration. Recipients must confirm acceptance and their intention to attend by the stated deadline. Application materials and selection decisions will be retained for program records, with access limited to those administering or reviewing the

program. A recipient history will be maintained to verify compliance with the once-in-a-lifetime limit.

Funding and Review

The initial fundraising goal is $10,000 to support the first five years of the program. Donations will be received and administered by the Foundation for the scholarship program; donors will not select recipients.

Annual awards will depend on available scholarship funds and the cost of registration. The Support Team will report annually on funds received, scholarships awarded, and the remaining balance. The Board will review the program after its first year and before the end of the initial five-year funding period to determine any changes or continuation.