



2024 Elisabeth Pickett Research Award Application

Information

Dr. Pickett was the first woman in the U.S. to be certified in both general surgery (1961) and in urology (1962). In order to qualify to take the urology boards, she actually had to retrain, completing an assistant resident year in urology and a second year as a general urology fellow at MSK. She was also the first woman to be accepted into a urology fellowship.

Throughout her professional life, Dr. Pickett dedicated herself to teaching, holding multiple academic positions at Cornell Medical College, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, New York Hospital and the New York Infirmary. Later in her career, she also directed the spinal cord injury center at Castle Point Veteran's Hospital. In addition to maintaining a busy practice and teaching, she devoted herself to oncologic research. Perhaps most importantly, she was a committed patient advocate who took umbrage at any injustice she perceived.

Certainly, Dr. Pickett's accomplishments as a surgeon and a urologist were vast. She blazed a trail for all future women in urology with hard work and perseverance, and her passion lit the way for those of us who followed. She was an inspiration to all who met her, and SWIU is pleased to offer this award in her honor.

The Elisabeth Pickett Research Award makes funds available for small research grants for basic, translation or clinical urologic research. The awards may be used to continue or supplement a current project or to initiate new study.

The 2024 Elisabeth Pickett Research Award is \$2,500, payable to the institution where SWIU Research activity will be completed. The award will be presented at the SWIU at the AUA Annual Meeting. The award recipient is expected to present a five-minute summary of their work.

Candidates

Eligible candidates include: trained urologists, (M.D. /D.O.), urology residents, urology fellows, research fellows (Ph.D.) with a research interest in urologic or related diseases and dysfunctions. Candidates must be members of Society of Women in Urology, Inc.

Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by the SWIU Research Committee based on the scientific merit of the research proposal (i.e. does the proposal have a hypothesis, how well does the proposed research test the hypothesis, etc.) along with determining portions of project that can be accommodated by the amount of funding available. Selections are made by the Research Committee and are subject to the final approval of the SWIU Board of Directors. The Elisabeth Pickett Research Award operates without discrimination as to age, race, religion, sex, handicap or national origin in the selection of participants.

Publications

At the completion of the project, awardees must submit a brief project summary for review by SWIU. The summary shall include results of research in two forms: (a) technical report (b) a report in lay terms. It is also expected that the award recipient will submit an article for publication in the GOLD Journal, the official journal of SWIU.

Any publication arising from work supported by SWIU shall acknowledge SWIU. The acknowledgement should read "*This work was supported in part by the Society of Women in Urology...*" Please provide a copy of any resulting publications to SWIU.

Instructions

To apply for this award, please include the following items:

- Application Cover Sheet (below)
- W-9 “Payers Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification” Form (enclosed)
- Applicant Curriculum Vitae
- Research Proposal – Please include the below elements. Maximum length: 10 pages
 - Testable Hypothesis and Specific Aim(s) (0.5 page)
 - Significance or Clinical Relevance of Project (1.5 pages)
 - Relevant Research of Others (2 pages)
 - Prior Work by Applicant (2 pages)
 - Methods of Procedures (3 pages)
 - Bibliography (1 page)
- Detailed Research Budget and Budget Justification
 - Budget should include direct costs only
 - If the Proposed Project cannot be completed within \$2,500 limit of SWIU awards, include a budget for the full project and explain how the balance of funds will be obtained. Include letters of support from sponsors of the balance of funds.
- Letter of Support from Sponsor (1 page)

Completed applications should be emailed to: info@swiu.org

Submission Dates and Application Deadline

- Applications will be accepted until December 15, 2023
- Only one application per individual will be accepted
- Late submissions will not be reviewed
- Recipient(s) will be notified of the award by March 1, 2024

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Elisabeth Pickett Research Award Application Cover Sheet

Please type or print clearly.

Candidate _____ Present Position Title _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Current Mailing Address _____

Doctoral Degree(s) _____ Year Earned _____ Field of Degree _____

Medical School/PhD Program _____

Residency Program _____

Title of Project _____

Project Start Date _____ Estimated Date of Completion _____ Total Budget \$ _____

Research Classification (e.g. bladder, prostate, endourology, peds) _____

Name of Institution where SWIU Research activity will be completed _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Institution Address _____

I certify that the statements contained in my application packet are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to notify the SWIU immediately to withdraw my name from the review/granting process, when I have accepted another opportunity or no longer intend to receive the SWIU Research Award.

Candidate Signature

Date



**W-9 “Payers Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification”**

Please type or print clearly.

Name of Institution _____

Payee for Award Check, if different from Institution Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Employer Identification Number _____

Sponsor Name Printed _____ Title _____
(Grants Administrator, Department Chair, etc.)

Signature _____ Date _____