

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY**  
**ABN 87 008 505 502**  
**145 Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000 AUSTRALIA**  
**Tel. + 61 2 9241 2586 Email. anzsn@nephrology.edu.au**



## **2021 ANZSN Career Advancement Award**

### **Purpose:**

The Career Advancement Award recognises the need to support researchers seeking to re-establish their research activities after a period of career interruption.

The use of the prize money is determined by the awardee but must directly support the recipient's research, with a focus on career benefit.

### **Eligibility:**

Applicants for the Award must be financial members of the ANZSN for 12 months (FTE – based documented career breaks) prior to the date at which the ASM is to commence. The Awards will be available for members two to 12 years post PhD measured from the date on which the PhD was accepted to the date of the first day of the ASM and must evidence solid engagement with research prior to career interruption, detail career interruption and a clear gap in research capacity.

### **Criteria:**

A judging panel of Scientific Program and Awards Committee (SPAC) members select the successful candidate. SPAC may also draw upon pre-approved independent reviewers with the relevant expertise.

The application must contain:

- Biosketch using supplied template (Appendix 1) inclusive of period and basis for the career interruption (maximum 5 pages);
- A plan and statement explaining how the funding will help them achieve a similar or enhanced level of research activity after the interruption. The plan might involve one or more of the following elements:
  - Support towards a research project
  - Collaboration with other researchers
  - A publication schedule
  - Training in particular methods or software
  - Attendance at a conference.
- A budget outlining how the funds will be expended using supplied template (maximum 1 page) See Appendix 2

The panel will consider:

- Track record of applicant relative to career stage and opportunity (50%). The applicant should demonstrate:
  - A strong record of publications and attracting resources for support of research prior to career interruption

- Other evidence of capacity and expertise in research
- The likelihood that the proposed plan of activity will facilitate the applicant's return to a productive research career (50%). The application should demonstrate:
  - An understanding of the characteristics of a productive research career
  - Evidence that the plan will assist the applicant in achieving a return to a productive research career.

---

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

DO NOT EXCEED FIVE PAGES

---

NAME:

POSITION TITLE:

EDUCATION/TRAINING *(Begin with initial undergraduate education, postgraduate qualification and include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)*

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY

- A. Personal Statement inclusive of timeframe and basis for career interruption
- B. Positions, Professional Memberships and Honours
- C. Contributions to Science
- D. Additional Information (Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance)

**NOTE:** Please refer to the example Biographical Sketch included at Appendix 1

The prize will be formally awarded at the 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Nominations or applications must be lodged by emailing a single PDF file (MS word files will also be accepted) to [anzsn@nephrology.edu.au](mailto:anzsn@nephrology.edu.au) or by submission of one hard copy to:

The Honorary Executive Officer - ANZSN  
 145 Macquarie Street  
 SYDNEY NSW 2000 AUSTRALIA

**Applications must be submitted by Sunday 9 May 2021.**

Late applications will not be accepted.

## APPENDIX 1

### EXAMPLE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Reference: National Institutes of Health, US Department of Health and Human Services  
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

---

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DO NOT EXCEED FIVE PAGES.

---

NAME: Hunt, Morgan Casey

POSITION TITLE: Associate Professor of Psychology

EDUCATION/TRAINING *(Begin with initial undergraduate education, postgraduate qualification and include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)*

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of California, Berkeley	B.S	05/2000	Psychology
University of Vermont	Ph.D.	05/2006	Experimental Psychology
University of California, Berkeley	Postdoctoral	08/2008	Public Health and Epidemiology

#### A. Personal Statement inclusive of time frame and basis for career interruption

I have the expertise, leadership, training, expertise and motivation necessary to successfully carry out the proposed research project. I have a broad background in psychology, with specific training and expertise in ethnographic and survey research and secondary data analysis on psychological aspects of drug addiction. My research includes neuropsychological changes associated with addiction. As PI or co-Investigator on several university- and NIH-funded grants, I laid the groundwork for the proposed research by developing effective measures of disability, depression, and other psychosocial factors relevant to the aging substance abuser, and by establishing strong ties with community providers that will make it possible to recruit and track participants over time as documented in the following publications. In addition, I successfully administered the projects (e.g. staffing, research protections, budget), collaborated with other researchers, and produced several peer-reviewed publications from each project. As a result of these previous experiences, I am aware of the importance of frequent communication among project members and of constructing a realistic research plan, timeline, and budget. The current application builds logically on my prior work.

*During 2017-2020 my career was disrupted due to family obligations inclusive of a period of 12 months paternity leave and then upon return to work only returning at 50% for the first time months (equivalent to 2 years overall FTW career interruption). I have returned to full time employment in 2021 and am looking to re-establish my research project and collaborations.*

Merryle, R.J. & Hunt, M.C. (2015). Independent living, physical disability and substance abuse among the elderly. *Psychology and Aging*, 23(4), 10-22.

Hunt, M.C., Jensen, J.L. & Crenshaw, W. (2016). Substance abuse and mental health among community-dwelling elderly. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, 24(9), 1124-1135.

Hunt, M.C., Wiechelt, S.A. & Merryle, R. (2017). Predicting the substance-abuse treatment needs of an aging population. *American Journal of Public Health*, 45(2), 236-245. PMID: PMC9162292

Hunt, M.C., Newlin, D.B. & Fishbein, D. (2017). Brain imaging in methamphetamine abusers across the life-span. *Gerontology*, 46(3), 122-145.

## **B. Positions, Professional Memberships and Honours**

### **Positions and Employment**

2008 - 2010 Fellow, Division of Intramural Research, National Institute of Drug Abuse, Bethesda, MD

2010-2012 Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

2011- Consultant, Coastal Psychological Services, San Francisco, CA

2012-2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

2017- Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

### **Other Experience and Professional Memberships**

2005- Member, American Psychological Association

2008- Member, Gerontological Society of America

2008- Member, American Geriatrics Society

2019- Associate Editor, *Psychology and Aging*

2013- Board of Advisors, Senior Services of Eastern Missouri

2013 -15 NIH Peer Review Committee: Psychobiology of Aging, ad hoc reviewer

2015 -17 NIH Risk, Adult Addictions Study Section, members

### **Honours**

2013 Outstanding Young Faculty Award, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

2014 Excellence in Teaching, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

2016 Award for Best in Interdisciplinary Ethnography, International Ethnographic Society

## **C. Contributions to Science**

1. My early publications directly addressed the fact that substance abuse is often overlooked in older adults. However, because many older adults were raised during an era of increased drug and alcohol use, there are reasons to believe that this will become an increasing issue as the population ages. These publications found that older adults appear in a variety of primary care settings or seek mental health providers to deal with emerging addiction problems. These publications document this emerging problem but guide primary care providers and geriatric mental health providers to recognize symptoms, assess the nature of the problem and apply the necessary interventions. By providing evidence and simple clinical approaches, this body of work has changed the standards of care for addicted older adults and will continue to provide assistance in relevant medical settings well into the future. I served as the primary investigator or co-investigator in all of these studies.

- a. Gryczynski, J., Shaft, B.M., Merryle, R., & Hunt, M.C. (2012). Community based participatory research with late-life addicts. *American Journal of Alcohol and Drug Abuse*, 15(3), 222-238.
  - b. Shaft, B.M., Hunt, M.C., Merryle, R., & Venturi, R. (2013). Policy implications of genetic transmission of alcohol and drug abuse in female nonusers. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 30(5), 46-58.
  - c. Hunt, M.C., Marks, A.E., Shaft, B.M., Merryle, R., & Jensen, J.L. (2014). Early-life family and community characteristics and late-life substance abuse. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 28(2),26-37.
  - d. Hunt, M.C., Marks, A.E., Venturi, R., Crenshaw, W. & Ratonian, A. (2017). Community-based intervention strategies for reducing alcohol and drug abuse in the elderly. *Addiction*, 104(9), 1436-1606. PMID: PMC9000292
2. In addition to the contributions described above, with a team of collaborators, I directly documented the effectiveness of various intervention models for older substance abusers and demonstrated the importance of social support networks. These studies emphasized contextual factors in the etiology and maintenance of addictive disorders and the disruptive potential of networks in substance abuse treatment. This body of work also discusses the prevalence of alcohol, amphetamine, and opioid abuse in older adults and how networking approaches can be used to mitigate the effects of these disorders.
- a. Hunt, M.C., Merryle, R. & Jensen, J.L. (2015). The effect of social support networks on morbidity among elderly substance abusers. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 57(4), 15-23.
  - b. Hunt, M.C., Pour, B., Marks, A.E., Merryle, R. & Jensen, J.L. (2015). Aging out of methadone treatment. *American Journal of Alcohol and Drug Abuse*, 15(6), 134-149.
  - c. Merryle, R. & Hunt, M.C. (2017). Randomized clinical trial of cotinine in older nicotine addicts. *Age and Ageing*, 38(2), 9-23. PMID: PMC9002364
3. Methadone maintenance has been used to treat narcotics addicts for many years but I led research that has shown that over the long-term, those in methadone treatment view themselves negatively and they gradually begin to view treatment as an intrusion into normal life. Elderly narcotics users were shown in carefully constructed ethnographic studies to be especially responsive to tailored social support networks that allow them to eventually reduce their maintenance doses and move into other forms of therapy. These studies also demonstrate the policy and commercial implications associated with these findings.
- a. Hunt, M.C. & Jensen, J.L. (2013). Morbidity among elderly substance abusers. *Journal of the Geriatrics*, 60(4), 45-61.
  - b. Hunt, M.C. & Pour, B. (2014). Methadone treatment and personal assessment. *Journal Drug Abuse*, 45(5), 15-26.
  - c. Merryle, R. & Hunt, M.C. (2015). The use of various nicotine delivery systems by older nicotine addicts. *Journal of Ageing*, 54(1), 24-41. PMID: PMC9112304
  - d. Hunt, M.C., Jensen, J.L. & Merryle, R. (2018). *The aging addict: ethnographic profiles of the elderly drug user*. NY, NY: W. W. Norton & Company.

**D. Additional Information (Research Support and/or Scholastic Performance)**

**Ongoing Research Support**

None currently held

**Completed Research Support**

Faculty Resources Grant, Washington University

15/08/13 -15/08/15

Opiate Addiction Database

The goal of this project is to create an integrated database of demographic, social and biomedical information for homeless opiate abusers in two urban Missouri locations, using a number of state and local data sources.

Role: PI

R01 MH922731

Merryle (PI)

12/15/07-11/30/15

Physical disability, depression and substance abuse in the elderly

The goal of this study is to identify disability and depression trajectories and demographic factors associated with substance abuse in an independently-living elderly population.

Role: Co-Investigator

## APPENDIX 2

### Budget Template

If you are applying for the ANZSN Career Advancement Award, please provide a budget, and where applicable an itinerary, to accompany your application for the Award.

A completed budget and any applicable itinerary must be included with your application.

<b>ESTIMATED BUDGET</b>		
<b>List all expenses involved</b>		
<i>*Where possible these are to be supported by attached quotes.</i>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (AUD \$)</b>	<b>Details*</b>
<i>Example</i>		
Airfares		
Accommodation		
Registration		
Meals		
Transport		
Other:		
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Other supportive funds</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Total amount awarded by ANZSN</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	

<b>ITINERARY</b>			
	<b>Date of Activity</b>	<b>Location of Activity</b>	<b>Brief Details of Activity</b>
1	<i>Aug-2020</i>	<i>X to Adelaide</i>	<i>Travel to Adelaide to attend 56th ANZSN Annual Scientific Meeting</i>
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			