

## THE WARCOLLIER PRIZE – APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The International Remote Viewing Association (IRVA), in partnership with IRIS-Psi & Applications (IRIS-PA), is pleased to announce the competition for an award for remote viewing research. The Warcollier Prize is a financial prize jointly created by the IRVA and IRIS-PA, presented to the winner of a judged competition for the best research proposal investigating some aspect of remote viewing.

### **Description**

The Warcollier Prize reflects the commitment of IRVA and IRIS-PA to the development of remote viewing and the promotion of the highest standards in remote viewing research. This year's award includes a sum of \$2,000 USD to the winning scientific experimental proposal.

The award will be presented at the IRVA Remote Viewing Conference, June 18 – 20, 2011, Las Vegas, Nevada. Announcement of the award and recipient(s), along with a summary of the proposed experiment will be published in a subsequent issue of *Aperture*, the newsletter of the International Remote Viewing Association.

Award recipients are expected to present findings of the funded study at a future IRVA conference, submit a research report based upon results, and draft an article on the experiment suitable for publication in *Aperture*.

### **Eligibility**

Any competent researcher, regardless of institutional affiliation or academic background, may submit an application for the award. Employees, officers, and directors of IRVA and IRIS-PA are not eligible for participation.

### **Application Requirements**

Proposed research should directly involve remote viewing or investigate some aspect of human consciousness relevant to remote viewing.

All applications for the award must include:

- \* Completed IRVA/IRIS-PA research application cover sheet;
- \* Proposal (an approximate two-page overview of what is being researched; how the research will be conducted; relevance to remote viewing; and how it will advance understanding of remote viewing and human consciousness);
- \* Experimental design document, to include blinding, statistical, randomization, analysis, and other relevant protocols; research participant pool and selection procedures; and time line for experiment execution, and milestones;
- \* Contact information and biographical sketch on the principal investigator(s);

\* A sample participant consent form suitable for experimentation on human subjects for review by IRVA's Institutional Review Board if applicable;

\* An itemized budget showing anticipated expenses, with a list of additional sources and amounts of funding if budget exceeds award.

\* The entire application package, consisting of application cover sheet, proposal, experimental design, contact and biographical information, consent form and budget, must not exceed 15 pages. *Applications exceeding 15 pages in length will NOT be considered.*

### **Application Submission**

Proposals must be submitted by email and in PDF format to [research@irva.org](mailto:research@irva.org) no later than midnight, Eastern Daylight Time, June 1, 2011. Those that arrive after June 1, 2011, or which do not fulfill the required criteria, will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified on or before June 15, 2011 as to the award decision for their proposal. The funds awarded will be available for research by July 31, 2011.

In the event no entry is deemed suitable, the award may not be presented. In this case award money will apply cumulatively to next year's competition.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Judging will be by a five-member panel from IRVA and IRIS-PA research evaluators. Evaluators will score each application on a scale of 1 to 5, in each of the following six areas for a possible total of 30 points:

\* *Relevance (from (1) not relevant to (5) very relevant).*

Applicant will make a compelling case for why the research project is relevant to the field of remote viewing.

\* *Potential to advance the field (rated from (1) little potential to (5) significant potential).*

Applicant will make a compelling case for why the research project will advance understanding of remote viewing and human consciousness illustrating the contribution that the new study would provide.

\* *Understanding of prior research (rated from (1) poor to (5) excellent).*

Applicant will provide an organized, focused review of relevant prior research on which the study is built.

\* *Methodology (from (1) flawed to (5) very sound).*

Applicant will provide a detailed rationale for the proposed protocol and experimental design, along with a clear and accurate description of how the design will help meet the purposes of the study.

\* *Feasibility of study (from (1) not feasible to (5) easily completed).*

Applicant will propose a study that can be completed within the specified time and budget constraints.

\* Analytic plan (*from (1) poor to (5) excellent*).

Applicant will detail a complete and appropriate plan to analyze the study data.

Each evaluator will score each application; the applications scores tallied; and the highest scoring application awarded the prize. In the event of a tie, each evaluator will vote by ranking the tied applications. The application with the highest ranked score will be awarded the prize.

If no application exceeds a scoring threshold of 100 out of a possible 150 points the award may not be presented. In this case award money will apply cumulatively to next year's competition.

### **Reporting Requirements**

Winner agrees to execute the experiment, formalize the results, and report them (whether positive, mixed, or negative), to the IRVA board on or before July 31, 2012.

A brief (2-3 pages) progress report will be submitted mid-way through the research period. The final report should be a paper based on the results of the research and of the proper quality and format for submission to a journal for publication. Winners will be encouraged to submit the finished paper for publication in a peer-reviewed journal of their choice, or to the editors of *Aperture*, with appropriate acknowledgment of IRVA and IRIS-PA support for the research.

### **Funding Disbursement**

Funding will be linked to the approval of the progress report and final paper. Winner will receive \$1250 USD of the total award at the beginning of the research period, \$500 USD upon acceptance of the progress report, and \$250 USD upon acceptance of the final paper.