# 2011 Burns "Bud" Roper Fellow Awards

The Burns "Bud" Roper AAPOR Fellow Award is intended to help people working in survey research or public opinion research and who are in early stages of their careers to attend the annual AAPOR conference and participate in short courses. The Bud Roper Fund will award up to \$700 for conference-related expenses to individuals who wish to attend and up to \$300 to those who wish to participate in short courses offered at the conference. Individuals may apply for conference attendance, short course participation, or both.

Applicants need not be current AAPOR members, but are expected to join at the time of the conference. The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual AAPOR Conference will take place **May 12-15**, **2011 in Phoenix, Arizona.** 

## **Eligibility:**

## **Applicants must:**

- 1. Have recently started their career
- 2. Currently work for pay (full-time or part-time) and
- 3. Have primary work responsibilities related to survey research or public opinion research

## AAPOR will give preference to:

- First-time conference attendees
- 2. Those participating in the conference program (e.g., paper or poster session presenter, co-author on a paper)
- 3. Those who work in relatively isolated settings (that is, who have no or very few colleagues in survey research or public opinion research) and
- 4. Those who might not be able to attend the conference without some support from AAPOR.

Employer cost sharing is encouraged, and will be taken into consideration in determining the awards.

**NOTE:** Applicants should explicitly state in their application how they meet the eligibility criteria and, if applicable, the preference criteria.

#### Awards:

The AAPOR Endowment Committee plans to make 3 to 5 conference awards and 2 to 3 short course awards from the Roper Fund in 2011. The Endowment Committee will make decisions and notify awardees by March 18, 2011. Awardees will be recognized in the conference program as "Bud" Roper Fellows.

## **Application Process:**

Send an E-mail message with two attachments by **5:00pm (PST) on Friday February 18, 2011,** to Dawn V. Nelson, AAPOR Endowment Committee Chair, at <a href="mailto:dnelson@mathematica-mpr.com">dnelson@mathematica-mpr.com</a>

**NOTE**: Both attachments must be received by the deadline to be considered for the award.

## E-mail message

Include your name as you would like it to appear in the conference program should you receive an award. Also include your contact information (telephone number(s) and e-mail address(es)).

#### Attachment 1

A letter from the applicant of no more than 300 words explaining (a) why the applicant wants to attend the AAPOR conference and/or short course, (b) why the award would make it possible to attend, and (c) specifically what he/she hopes to learn from attendance at the conference. Applicants' letters must explain how they meet the eligibility criteria and, if applicable, the preference criteria.

#### Attachment 2

A letter from the applicant's employer of no more than 300 words explaining (a) why the applicant merits an award, (b) how much (if any) the employer will contribute to the employee's conference expenses, and (c) how attendance at the AAPOR conference will enhance the applicant's career in survey research or public opinion research.

Sincerely,

Dawn V. Nelson Chair, AAPOR Endowment Committee