

Dr. Jason C. Vladescu Research in Behavior Analysis Award

Dr. Jason Vladescu, a graduate of our School Psychology program, has created a research award in behavior analysis to support the research of a school psychology student. The eligibility criteria are outlined below:

- (a) Currently enrolled in the school psychology graduate program at Central Michigan University,
- (b) The primary investigator on a research project, thesis, or dissertation being supervised by a faculty member in the School Psychology Program in the Department of Psychology,
- (c) Have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative graduate GPA.

The student-driven research project must be behavior analytic in nature, and should include:

- (a) Dependent variables that are observable and measurable,
- (b) Independent variables that involve well-defined manipulations of environmental variables, and
- (c) Use of a single-subject experimental design that has the ability to detect functional relations. Particular consideration should be given to projects that are applied (i.e., address problems of social significance) in nature and these projects should align with the characteristics outlined by Baer, Wolf and Risley (1968, 1987). The Award will be given to recipients on the basis of the specific criteria outlined here.

Applicants must submit the following to the Psychology office manager to be considered for this award:

- (a) A description of the research project to be considered for the award. The description should address the criteria listed above.
- (b) A letter of support by the faculty sponsor of the research.
- (c) Current curriculum vita
- (d) Unofficial CMU transcripts demonstrating current GPA.

The school psychology faculty will review applications and make the award decision by the end of the semester.