



The Campbell Collaboration (C2) Social Welfare Coordinating Group (SWCG) Awards Program

The C2 SWCG Editorial Board created an awards program to encourage production of rigorous systematic reviews that can inform social welfare policy and practice. The first of these awards is named in honor of Leonard E. Gibbs, one of the leaders of the Evidence-Based Practice movement who passed away in 2008. Additional awards may be developed in the future.

The Leonard E. Gibbs Award

The Leonard E. Gibbs Award will be given to the authors of a completed C2 systematic review that contributes to evidence-informed practice in social welfare. The first Leonard E. Gibbs Award will be given at the C2 colloquium in Oslo in May 2009 for the finest systematic review completed and approved by the C2 SWCG in 2007 or 2008. Authors will be invited to accept the award at the C2 colloquium. We expect the award to cover the C2 Colloquium registration fee for one of the review authors. We also hope (contingent on contributions received) that it will cover one author's travel expenses to attend the C2 Colloquium and a modest cash award. Details are provided below.

- Contributions for the Leonard E. Gibbs Award can be sent to The Campbell Collaboration's International Secretariat (The Campbell Collaboration, PO Box 7004 St. Olavs plass, N-0130 Oslo, Norway; for information, info@c2admin.org).
- Nominations for the award will be solicited via the SWCG newsletter, C2 website, and other avenues.
- Nominations can include any C2 review completed within the last two calendar years (e.g., reviews completed in 2007 and 2008 are eligible for the award given in 2009). Authors may nominate themselves. Nominations should be submitted to the Social Welfare group coordinator, Krystyna Kowalski (krk@sfi.dk).
- The Co-chairs of the SWCG will appoint a panel of no fewer than three qualified judges, drawing from the members of the SWCG Editorial Board and other voting members of the SWCG who have no conflict of interest. Judges identities will be kept confidential until the recipient of the award is announced.
- Judges will independently rate nominations based solely on scientific merit, quality of written documents, and applicability to policy/practice. Judges will submit their rankings to the co-chairs.
- The co-chairs will tally the results and announce the winner.
- In the event that no new review has been approved in any calendar year, or if in the opinion of the judges no review is deemed of sufficient merit, an award may be deferred for that year.
- The award will consist of the following forms of recognition:
 - A commemorative plaque, presented to the authors of the winning review.
 - A complimentary registration fee for one of the authors (selected in consultation with the lead author) to attend the annual C2 Colloquium in order to receive the award. (Authors need not attend the Colloquium in order to receive the award.)
 - Public announcements posted on the website of the C2 SWCG and via other outlets, as suitable and available.