

Shirley C. Gordon Award

SCHOLARSHIP TO ADVANCE THE THEORY OF SHARED VULNERABILITY WHEN CARING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS WITH STIGMATIZED CONDITIONS.



Dr. Shirley C. Gordon is an international scholar best known for her work caring for persons with chronic conditions that carry a stigma such as head lice infestations, genital herpes, and facial muscle weakness. She is a Professor and Director of the Head Lice Treatment and Prevention Project of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University, USA. The Annual Award of \$750 symbolizes her commitment to advancing the study of caring facilitated by the Theory of Shared Vulnerability. The Theory of Shared Vulnerability has been used across disciplines to guide education, research, and practice.

Purpose of the Award:

- The purpose of the award is to inspire students, practitioners, researchers, and faculty members across disciplines to study and advance the study of caring from the perspective of the *Theory of Shared Vulnerability*.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be an active student, practitioner, researcher, or faculty member pursuing the study of caring facilitated by the Theory of Shared Vulnerability.
- Member of the International Association for Human Caring

Process and Expectations:

- A one-page paper describing the applicant's scholarship focused on caring from the perspective of the Theory of Shared Vulnerability
- If an abstract for a podium or poster presentation has been submitted, the abstract replaces the one-page paper.
- The applicants are required to submit an Application Packet with following contents:
- A one-page research proposal describing the applicant's advancing scholarship from the lens of caring science research.

- A separate cover page with:
 - Applicants name, credentials, and organization
 - Contact information, including name, college address, phone number and work e-mail address.
 - If applicant is a student a reference letter on official school stationary from the faculty advisor guiding the student's scholarship.
 - Submit application to the IAHC Scholarship and Award Committee email @ scholarships@humancaring.org

Post Award Responsibilities:

- Applicant must register for the annual IAHC Conference to assure proper processing and recording of participation and attendance. Please indicate on the registration form that you are an award recipient.
- Mentoring to further scholarship may be provided by Dr. Shirley C. Gordon.
- At presentations or on publications, funded research and scholarly works should indicate that it is *"Funded in part by IAHC Shirley C. Gordon Award for scholarship advancing the theory of Shared Vulnerability."*
- Respond to annual Scholarship Survey.