


# Connect: Annual Best Paper Competition

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In order to encourage members of World Federation of Critical Care Nurses and the development of scientific foundations of critical care nursing, *Connect: The World Critical Care Nursing* is pleased to announce its first Annual Best Paper Competition. This Annual Best Paper aims to recognize excellence in nursing research and practice, promote and reward high quality papers in critical care nursing. *Connect* invites nominations of papers that show an outstanding contribution to critical care nursing research and practice.

## Nomination

- A nomination statement describing the scientific and or educational contribution of the paper and explaining how this paper merits the award should be included when submitting the paper.
- The nomination statement will be considered as part of the criteria during the selection process.
- If a paper includes editorial board member as a coauthor, it may not be considered for an award.

## Eligibility

- Papers received in *Connect* in the year of 2020.
- Original research papers and reviews will be considered. Nonresearch papers, such as editorials, letters to editors will be excluded.
- The authors will have indicated at submission by clicking the box in the editorial manager during the submission.

- Checking the box means authors are willing to have the manuscript considered for the Annual Best Nursing Paper Competition and provide a nomination statement mentioned above.
- Papers may come from any field of critical care nursing research.
- Papers should be based on an accepted *Connect* submission.

## Selection Criteria

The nominated papers will undergo a thorough review by the Journal awards committee according to the following criteria:

- Originality, novelty, and scientific merit.
- Significant contributions to critical care nursing research.
- Significant implications to critical care nursing practice.
- Comprehensive review articles.

The final decision will be made based on the consensus among the committee members.

## Awards

- Three papers will be selected and awarded. The awards are; 1st prize \$1,000 US, 2nd \$500 US, and 3rd US \$250, and a certificate will be issued to awardees.
- The paper will be promoted through the *Connect: World of Critical Care Nursing*, the Official Journal of the World Federation of Critical Care Nursing.

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