

## **The Wilbur H (Tib) Tusler, Jr. Health Design Research Prize**

### **Purpose**

The Tusler Health Design Research Prize recognizes outstanding research in the planning and design of facilities for health. Research qualifying for consideration is defined as published creation of new knowledge through controlled, or semi-controlled, experimentation; analysis of data; synthesis of expert knowledge; or the development of innovative solutions to healthcare facility design. The annual award seeks to acknowledge excellence in applied research through a cash award of \$2,500 and special recognition in the Health Environments Research and Design (HERD) peer reviewed journal. Funding of the prize is provided through the Foundation for Health Environments Research.

### **Tib Tusler, Jr. FAIA, Emeritus FACHA**

The prize is named in recognition of the leadership of Tib Tusler, a healthcare architect who has been a consistent advocate for research in healthcare design throughout his career. Tib Tusler, Jr, was a lead researcher in the development of the innovative VA building system. He was an early advocate for workload-based techniques for determining space. He also led research studies regarding the implementation of federal healthcare planning policies. As a member of the Academy on Architecture for Health, Tib led the creation of the Coalition for Health Environments Research (CHER) and later served as an AIA Academy of Architecture for Health representative on the Center for Healthcare Design's research council. Tib has also served as President of the American College of Healthcare Architects and the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health. He continues to be a strong advocate for health environments research.

“Research should be the foundation for innovation and problem-solving.”

### **Qualification**

Submissions will be accepted in PDF format for completed research documented in the form of published papers or reports. Submissions can be self-nominated by the authors, by readers, or editors. Research is expected to have been completed within the twenty-four months prior to the submission due date. (Articles accepted for publication but not yet published are disqualified) Studies which involve observation or interaction with patients or staff must document appropriate institutional review board (IRB) approvals. The selected recipient will be invited to participate in an interview to be published in HERD, or other possible commentary in the journal.

### **Process**

Along with a copy of the published paper, applicants should submit a project synopsis of two pages, or less, addressing four areas:

1. The research hypothesis or goals
2. The methods used in the execution of the research
3. The major findings
4. The implications for the design of healthcare facilities

In addition to the synopsis, applicants should provide any available key reports, published articles, or presentations that support the summary.

### **Selection**

Submissions will be evaluated by a review committee of five members established by HERD and the Foundation for Health Environments Research.

Deadline: Submissions should be received by Julie Zook, PhD,( [Julie.Zook@ttu.edu](mailto:Julie.Zook@ttu.edu)) by January 14, 2022.