Early Career Research Award

Before you submit an entry for this TheMHS Award, here is everything you need to know in terms of eligibility and entry criteria for this specific category.

Explore the different aspects you need to have in mind before submitting your application and find out what our Judges will be looking for. An example of a winning entry can be found here.

Eligibility

The Early Career Research award is appropriate for the following entrants:

- Postdoctoral Researchers with no more than 5 years of research experience (as at closing date of award) from the date of the acceptance letter for their doctoral thesis. Career disruptions and changes will be considered and will need to be described. These include pregnancy, major illness, carer responsibilities/parental leave, clinical work.
- In the case of ECRs who hold honorary or academic affiliate titles we would expect that these titles are held at Levels A/B except in circumstances where the applicant's honorary title is related to a clinical or teaching rather than research role. Such circumstances will be assessed on an individual basis.
- Employed at a level up to and including Lecturer (Level B). Senior Lecturers (Level C) and above are ineligible to apply.
- Availability to attend and present at the annual TheMHS Conference.
- Award Winners from the previous year are not eligible to enter a submission

Rules

- Entrants may only submit for one category.
- Previous winning recipients can re-apply after one year has elapsed (i.e., if awarded in 2020, cannot reapply until 2022). This is on the condition that the entry concerns a different piece of research or a significant advancement of previously submitted research.

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Submissions must include:
PART A

- Short summary of entry (max. 150 words).
- Short organisation summary (max. 150 words).

PART B (submitted as a PDF file)

- Entry Template
  All entries must use TheMHS entry template and enter information in the relevant sections to be eligible for entry.
- Additional description (max. 400 words). Please expand upon summary from Part A.
- Focus (max. 200 words).
  Describe how your research illustrates Innovation, Best Practice and or Excellence.
- Potential Impact (max. 200 words).
  Summarise the potential contribution to and/or implications for the wider community.
- Consumers' Contribution (max. 200 words).
  Describe any contribution by Mental Health consumers/persons with lived experience other than as subjects, e.g., reference group, researcher.
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 4 x A4 pages)
  Include a brief Curriculum Vitae of the lead applicant only. Your CV will need to include the date your PhD was granted (if relevant) and explain any career disruptions. You may also include the following: career summary, research grants and fellowships, publications, impact of other research, collaborations and community engagement, and professional involvement.
- Referees
  - One written reference from someone familiar with the research (max. 1 x A4 page).
  - Contact details for an additional referee who may be contacted by phone (max. 1/2 x A4 page).
- Supporting Material (max. 2 x A4 pages)
- May include photos, graphs, etc.

Disclaimer

- Judges reserve the right to refuse an entry if they feel that it does not meet the selection criteria as listed under "Entry Guidelines" > "Part B".
- Judges reserve the right to withdraw a TheMHS Award at any time, including after the Award is granted, if they find that the entrant does not comply with the entry conditions.

For any questions or concerns, including guidance about the most appropriate category, please email awards@themhs.org

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