

TOM TRAUER EVALUATION & 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](#).

RULES

- Service/project entered in one category only.
- Different parts of a larger organisation may enter different categories.
- Previous winning entries can reapply after one year has elapsed (i.e. if awarded in 2023, cannot reapply until 2025) on the condition that there is documented evidence of significant development or change.

ELIGIBILITY

This award would best suit a candidate such as:

- Mid to senior level researchers or service providers.
- Managers of an NGO.
- Individuals or organisations undertaking evaluation.
- Individual or lead researcher.
- Award Winner's from the previous year are not eligible to enter a submission.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

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 5MB max)

➤ **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 Part A.
- Address of following Criteria (max. 10 x A4 pages).
 1. Evidence of contribution to, or potential impact on, mental health service improvement.
 2. Evidence of research excellence.
 3. Evidence of participation of mental health consumers in the planning, implementation, and evaluation as relevant.
 4. Evidence of Partnerships and Linkages (collaboration for continuity between organisations).
 5. Verification and Evaluation of the research effectiveness in achieving the goals of the investigation(s).
- Conclusion (1/2 x A4 page)
- Referees (1/2 x A4 page)
 - Nominate two referees who can be readily contacted by phone. Please include name, organisation, role, email, and phone contact.
- Appendix of Support Material (max. 8 x A4 pages).

Additional Information:

Page and word limits must be strictly adhered to. Any submission that exceeds the stated maximum will not be accepted and returned for review.

Links to other documents or websites may only be included in the *Appendix/Supporting Material Section* and are not to be included anywhere else in the submission. Links to other documents or websites in the main submission will not be considered by the judges.

Please directly copy all content/essential information to be reviewed by the judges in the main submission as links within the Appendix/Supporting Material Section will only be viewed at the judges' discretion.

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