

European Association of Psychology and Law Procedures and Criteria for Awards

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Background

The EAPL is implementing a new award system to replace the prior career-stage awards. From 2024 onwards, the EAPL offers three annual awards (Scientific Impact Award, Societal Impact Award, and Educational Impact Award) and one biannual award (Dissertation Award). In addition, the EAPL offers research and travel funding for early career professionals, as well as poster and presentation awards for members with a student status. The deadline for application for all awards is on February 1st of the year of the award.

Procedures and Committee

- Awards will be granted by an award committee comprising five (5) members of the EAPL, including one committee chair. The award committee's main task is to evaluate the award nominations and make decisions about who will receive the awards. The award committee chair will be recruited and appointed by the EAPL executive board, and the award committee chair will be responsible for recruiting the award committee members and organizing the evaluation of nominations. Award committee members will serve for a term of up to three (3) years.
 - The award committee must include (1) at least two women and (2) at least one person who has received their PhD no more than seven years ago (not including periods of leave) or is currently enrolled in a PhD programme who represent a variety of countries, career stages and fields of research.
 - The EAPL strives to cultivate an inclusive culture, devoid of conscious or unconscious barriers due to cultural, ethnic, or religious backgrounds, gender, sexual orientation, health, or age. The EAPL actively encourages award committee members to become aware of implicit associations and endeavor to minimize them.
 - Members of the EAPL executive board may not serve on the award committee.
 - The award committee chair, in conjunction with the EAPL executive board, is responsible for recruiting members to the award committee. Self-nominations to serve on the award committee are accepted.
 - Award committee members may not be nominated for awards.
 - Award committee members will independently evaluate all submissions before reaching consensus in a subsequent discussion.
- Award nominees can be individuals or groups of people. For example, research project teams, teaching teams, or outreach organizations can be nominated to receive an award collectively rather than individually. Self-nominations for each award category are accepted.

- To nominate an individual or group, a letter of nomination must be submitted to the award committee through a specified channel (e.g., a designated email address). This letter is to be written in English, should include the award category for the nomination, and is no longer than 1000 words in length. The letter will serve as the primary material evaluated by the award committee and should describe how the nominee satisfies the criteria for the award for which they are nominated. Letters of nomination should include information about the nominee’s substantive contributions as well as any contextual information relevant to evaluating the nominee’s contributions (e.g., career stage; social, economic, or political context in which the work was done). The nominating person’s identity is kept confidential, unless they explicitly opt to share that information.
- Upon being nominated, the nominee will be informed of the nomination. The nominee may accept or decline the nomination, and will be given the possibility to correct anything they believe to be inaccurate in the letter of nomination and include a short CV (maximum 2 pages) amended to the award category. If the nominee is a group, no more than four CVs should be attached to the letter of nomination. All nominees will be informed of their award status before the award ceremony.
- If the nominee accepts, the award committee will request that the nominee indicate their country of residence and respond to a confidential survey to collect demographic information. The nominee may decline to provide information in the survey, but they will be required to indicate their country of residence to be eligible.
 - No less frequently than every three years, the EAPL executive board will publicly report the demographic data for all nominees in an aggregated form that protects the nominees’ identities but that provides sufficient information to assess the diversity of the pool of nominees.
- Awards will be issued once per year. The award committee will aim to grant one award in each category each year, but they will not be strictly required to grant awards in every category every year. Under normal circumstances, the awards will be announced prior to the annual conference and presented to the recipients at the conference.
 - While individuals can be nominated for more than one award in any given year, a person shall receive no more than one award per year.
 - In any given year, no more than two of the awards shall be given to people who reside in the same country.
 - In any given year, no more than one award shall be given to close research collaborators or ongoing supervisor-student relationships.
 - A close research collaboration is defined as having published at least one work of research with six or fewer authors together within the last five years.
 - Supervisor-student relationships include supervision of bachelor’s, master’s, or PhD level research work (e.g., thesis projects).
- Award committee members must recuse themselves from evaluating a nominee if they have a conflict of interest. If a member of the award committee has a conflict of interest concerning a nominee, that award committee member will not be involved

in the evaluation for that nominee. If two or more award committee members have a conflict of interest, additional ad hoc evaluators will be recruited by the chair to assist with the evaluation for that nominee. These evaluators must not have conflicts of interest with the nominee in question. Conflicts of interest include but are not limited to close research collaboration within the last five years, a previous or ongoing supervisor-student relationship, commercial or financial partnership, or a close personal relationship.

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- Committee members are required to disclose any close personal relationships that might compromise their impartiality or raise concerns about potential biases in decision-making. Close personal relationships encompass familial ties, close friendships, or any other significant personal connections that may impact the member's ability to make unbiased judgments.
- When the award committee grants an award, they will provide a brief written motivation for the award, to be included in the award ceremony and public announcements. (see Prizes section).

Award Categories and Evaluation Criteria

- Nominations for awards are evaluated in relation to criteria relevant to the specific award category for which they were nominated. Across all categories, nominees' contributions to psychology and law are to be evaluated in the context of the nominees' career stage, as well as social, professional, and personal circumstances. Nominations can be based on wider contributions, as well as specific contributions such as single publications, outreach activities, or research projects.
- Awards are given in the following categories:
 - Scientific Impact Award
 - This award seeks to recognize individual researchers or research groups who have made a noteworthy contribution to the field of psychology and law. Contributions for consideration include the development of new and innovative methods, generating findings that advance our understanding of psychological mechanisms or processes within the legal context, and/or expansion of previous work into new areas or populations.
 - Societal Impact Award
 - This award seeks to honor individuals or groups who have made a noteworthy contribution to enhance the societal impact in the field of

psychology and law. Contributions for consideration include service activities, the inclusion of practitioners in research, outreach initiatives, and public engagement. Contributions can be international, but local and national impact are considered as well.

- Educational Impact Award
 - This award acknowledges individuals or groups who have made a noteworthy contribution to teaching and mentoring emerging scholars in the field of psychology and law or practitioners in applied contexts, for example legal professionals. Contributions for consideration include educational activities and/or the development of innovative course formats, advising and encouraging emerging scholars and colleagues, as well as showcasing impactful teaching in an applied context.

Prizes

- For each award, the following prizes shall be issued:
 - Mention on the EAPL website
 - An award plaque or certificate
 - A letter from the award committee with the motivation for the award
 - An invitation to give a presentation at the EAPL conference in which the award is granted, including up to €500 to support travel.
 - Complimentary membership in the EAPL for one year
 - In case of a collective award, a maximum of four complimentary memberships will be awarded. In the case of larger teams, it is recommended these memberships are given to junior members.