



ANNUAL AWARD FOR RESEARCH IN TRAUMATIC STRESS

2011

ASTSS is an organisation of academics and health professionals across the Australasian region dedicated to the prevention and treatment of the effects of traumatic experience.

General Information

ASTSS rewards academic excellence in research into traumatic stress. The three annual awards offered by ASTSS are designed to acknowledge and encourage relatively new researchers in the area. Applications are open to all research disciplines.

Value of the Awards

Three awards are offered:

1. First Prize:

An annual prize of AUD\$1000.00 and membership of ASTSS for one year.

2. Second Prize (runner up)

An annual award of AUD\$500.00, together with one year's membership to ASTSS.

3. Third Prize (honourable mention)

An annual award of AUD\$250.00, together with one year's membership to ASTSS.

Eligibility

As the ASTSS Research Awards are designed to encourage relatively new researchers, there are only two eligible categories of applicants:

All currently enrolled students studying beyond undergraduate; and
ex-students who graduated from their highest degree not earlier than two years prior to the cut off date for submission of entries (eg, for 2011, 30 May 2009).

There is one eligible subject area: research study in the area of traumatic stress.

The study entered must be in the form of a stand-alone paper.

No person may submit more than one paper in any given year.

Closing Date

Monday 31 May 2011. Winners will be notified in September 2011.

The Application

Application should take the form of a paper that follows the format of a professional journal of the applicant's choice. It should be of no more than 7500 words, including an abstract of no more than 250 words, references, tables and figures.

The paper must be the work of the applicant.

If other researchers have been involved in the study, this must be acknowledged on the cover sheet of the paper.

If the study is funded, this must be detailed, with the names and qualifications of the principal researcher and all associated researchers noted on the cover sheet of the paper.

If at the time of the application, the paper has been submitted for publication, or has been published, full publication details should be noted.

A covering letter should accompany all applications including:

- A brief CV of the applicant.
- The name of the professional journal whose format the applicant's paper follows.
- A note from the Supervisor, Head of Department or another senior clinician to indicate the paper is legitimately the work of the applicant.
- If the paper has been submitted for publication, or already published, full publication details must be noted. Any feedback from the publication must also be noted.
- If the paper is part of a thesis, the candidate may submit a report from his/her supervisor on the quality and value of the whole thesis, or any other evidence indicating this.

Assessment of the applications

Papers will be scored primarily for their contribution to research into psychological trauma. Additional factors considered in assessment will be originality, relevance, scholarship, methodology, style and presentation.

How to apply

Entries should be forwarded to:

Dr Gregory Coman at email gcoman@nags.org.au **by Tuesday 31 May 2011**

ASTSS reserves the right not to make a particular Award if entries received are not of an acceptable level of excellence as determined by the judging panel. No correspondence will be entered into.

Further Enquiries

Contact the ASTSS Development Officer, **Dr Greg Coman**, at gcoman@nags.org.au or visit the ASTSS website at <http://www.astss.org.au/>