

2019 ASTSS Research Award

Each year that the ASTSS is involved in the organisation of an ACOTS Conference, we offer up to three research awards. The purpose of these awards is to encourage and reward academic excellence in traumatic stress research. The awards are designed to acknowledge and encourage relatively-new researchers in the area, with applications open to all research disciplines.

Awards offered in 2019

The value of the awards shall be determined by the Management Committee from year to year but in 2019 shall comprise:

- First prize: An award of AUD\$500.00 and membership of ASTSS for one year (total prize value up to AU\$590).
- Second prize (runner up): An award of AUD\$250.00 and membership of ASTSS for one year (total prize value up to AU\$340).
- Third prize (honourable mention): An award of AUD\$100.00 and membership of ASTSS for one year (total prize value up to AU\$190).

Eligible Entrants

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 more than two years prior to the cut-off date for submission of entries.

No person may submit more than one paper in any given year. Previous winners of the award are ineligible to re-apply but previous non-winning applicants are welcome to reapply. Entrants need not be current members for the ASTSS.

Eligible Subjects

There is one eligible subject area:

- research study in the area of traumatic stress.

Application Format

A Research Award application should take the form of a paper that follows the format of a standalone, professional journal article 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.

A covering letter must 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 senior clinician to indicate the paper is legitimately 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 was funded, this must be detailed, with the names and qualifications of the principal researcher and all associated researchers noted on the cover sheet.
- If at the time of the application, the paper has been published or submitted for publication, full publication details should 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.

To apply

Entries should be forwarded to:

grant@devilly.org by Friday 23rd August 2019, 5pm

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.

Winners will be notified by email prior to September 12th, 2019, and publicly announced during ACOTS 2019.

Award Terms and Reservation

The Management Committee shall, in each year in which ACOTS conferences are being conducted, form a sub-committee called the Research Award Working Party, whose role is to implement and promote the award and adjudicate applications.

The Research Award Working Party shall also determine the closing date for submission of entries for the Research Award. Winners will be notified prior to the conference and publicly announced at that meeting.

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.

For further enquiries, please contact the ASTSS Communications Officer, or visit the ASTSS website at <https://www.astss.org.au/>