

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2020 EAPP European Personality Psychology Dissertation Award

The EAPP European Personality Psychology Dissertation Award is to be established in 2020, complementing the already existing early career, mid-career, and life-time awards by the EAPP. The award honors and promotes an excellent dissertation within personality psychology to increase the visibility of outstanding young personality psychologists both to the scientific community as well as to the general public.

Up to two awards will be given to the best dissertations every two years at the European Conference on Personality (ECP), and award winners will be announced shortly before the conference. The first awards will be presented at the 20th ECP in Madrid, Spain (July 14 – 17 2020). Winners of the award receive a plaque, a personal prize of 500 €, a two-year free membership to the EAPP (including a subscription to EJP), and full coverage of all fees to attend the ECP. They will also be asked to give a 20-minute talk on their dissertation.

Eligibility Criteria

- (1) Awardees must be current EAPP members at the time of receiving the award (i.e., in 2020).
- (2) The dissertation must have been completed and successfully defended in 2018 or 2019.
- (3) The dissertation will be judged on its innovation/originality, scientific rigor, contribution to the field, and overall excellence. In general, the dissertation should (be expected to) make a strong theoretical and/or empirical contribution to the personality-psychological literature.
- (4) The award winners are expected to attend the ECP20. The registration fee as well as costs for traveling and accommodation will be sponsored by EAPP. No present member of the EAPP Executive Committee can be nominated for the award.

Nomination Procedure

Nominations for the award may be submitted by any EAPP member. Self-nominations are not possible, but the nominated students should support the nomination. There will be a two-stage selection process overseen by the Award Committee. For the first stage, the submission by an EAPP member should submit via earlycareer@eapp.org one PDF document:

- (1) CV of the student applicant (including name and affiliation)
- (2) Extended abstract of the dissertation (max. 500 words on one page)
- (3) Comment on whether and where parts of the dissertation have been published in books or journal (max 1 page)
- (4) Letter of support from the EAPP member and/or the advisor(s) and/or a dissertation committee member. The letter (max. 2 pages) should clearly specify in which ways the dissertation is (a) innovative and original, (b) scientifically rigorous, (c) excellent, and (d) a strong contribution to the field.

The Award Committee will then choose at least two and a maximum of six finalists.¹ These finalists will be notified and are asked to submit/upload following information and documents:

- (1) Status of current EAPP membership and intention of being a member throughout 2020
- (2) Full dissertation
- (3) Comment on publication status of (parts of) the dissertation (max 1 page)

Selection Committee

The 2020 Award Committee will consist of Dr. Manon van Scheppingen, Dr. Rebekka Weidmann, and Prof. Dr. Yannick Stephan² The committee members will have to recuse themselves partially (i.e., in certain stages) or fully in case of conflicts of interest (e.g., being an advisor of a submitted dissertation). In such cases, replacements will be sought by the EAPP Executive Committee as fast as possible. The Committee oversees the entire selection process at both stages and makes a final decision on the award winners. Questions about the award and the selection procedures can be sent to Rebekka Weidmann and Manon van Scheppingen at earlycareer@eapp.org.

Deadlines

Stage 1 (Nomination by EAPP member):	March 31, 2020 (12 midnight CET)
Notification of finalists:	April 10, 2020
Stage 2 (Submissions by finalists):	April 17, 2020 (12 midnight CET)
Notification of award winners:	May 25, 2020
Public announcement of winners:	June 15, 2020

¹ If there are only two submissions, these will be automatically considered finalists. However, the Selection Committee reserves the right to grant only one or no award in such a case.

² In the future, winners will be asked to join the Selection Committee in the upcoming year.