



Description

The Aubrey Lewis Award recognizes outstanding achievement by an individual researcher within the first ten years of post-doctoral work in the field of Biological Psychiatry. The award is open to all early- to mid-career researchers working in areas with relevance for advancing biological understandings and interventions of psychiatric disorders. Awardees are invited to deliver a special lecture at the annual Biological Psychiatry Australia conference, and will receive complimentary registration and a commemorative certificate. BPA prides itself on a strong culture of diversity and inclusivity, and as such encourages applications from all individuals regardless of gender, race, disability, age, socioeconomic status, sexuality, religion or any other attribute.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- have held a PhD or equivalent research degree for 10 years or less (taking into consideration career interruptions as defined by the current NHMRC criteria);
- not have a Professorial appointment (i.e., the award is open to applicants holding appointments that are not more senior than an Associate Professor level);
- be a current member of Biological Psychiatry Australia; and
- have an outstanding track record, relative to opportunity, in biological research into psychiatric disorders.

Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed according to the four criteria listed below, each of which are evaluated relative to career opportunity.

1. Impact and Quality (50%): Awardees will be able to demonstrate significant impact of their work, either through publications (evaluated with respect to journal quality, open access, and article citation rates), reproducibility, knowledge impact, economic or social impact or direct translational outcomes.
2. Funding (15%): Awardees will be able to demonstrate success in attracting competitive funding.
3. National/international reputation (25%): Awardees will show evidence of an emerging national/international reputation, as evidenced by invitations to present/participate in conferences, editorial responsibilities, participation in expert panels, etc.
4. Previous activity with the BPA society (10%): Awardees will show evidence of past commitment to the BPA society, either through attendance or involvement in committees and conference organisation.

Application process

Applications consist of two documents:

1. A 2-page CV which must include the following:
 - a. Education and employment history including details of PhD conferral date
 - b. Top 5 publications
 - c. Details of successful funding
 - d. Evidence of national and/or international reputation
2. A max. 500 word statement on career impact and track record relative to opportunity, including a statement on previous activity with BPA.
3. Career interruptions (if required)

Upon acceptance of this award, it is expected that the winner will attend in person for the conference entirety and will in addition remain actively engaged in the society.

Compile both documents into a single pdf. Text must be no smaller than 11pt Times New Roman Font. Email the compiled pdf to biolpsychaustralia@gmail.com by the advertised closing date. For any questions, please email biolpsychaustralia@gmail.com