

DECP Awards - Award for EP Doctoral Dissertation

Scoring Matrix

Required for Award	Scoring Indicator
Contribution to research / evidence base	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved psychological understanding / knowledge in particular area • contributed to local area research / evidence base
Innovation or originality in research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in terms of topic area / research methods / sample population / findings • research reflects BPS Code of Ethics and Conduct values
Impacted on individuals / communities / organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change in practice in local area • improved public or profession's understanding • positive impact on individuals / groups and/or communities • positive impact on marginalised or disadvantaged social groups • dissemination of research / findings / implications through any channel (local area / media / social media / university teaching programmes / conference or similar event)
Thesis completed within the last two years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether CPD doctorate or doctoral programme, doctoral award was given within the last two years • there is no requirement for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

The scoring system is applied as a 'best fit' which means that an overall score is given for each section of the scoring matrix. A candidate may score highly on several indicators for a section, but may not demonstrate evidence of each indicator in that section, and this should not prevent them from receiving a high overall score for the section.

3 members of the DECP committee will review entries and score: 1 from the Chair triad, 1 committee member and 1 trainee. Scoring will take place individually, and the three scorers will then combine their scores.

The scores will be aggregated and averaged for each nominee. In the case of a tie, the remaining members of the Chair triad will be asked to score the tied nominations. If there remains a tie at the end of this process, 2 awards will be given.

If there is a personal or professional conflict of interest (for example, spouse or partner or other relation) then the committee will seek to swap in an equivalent committee member to score all entries for the relevant award (for example, if there is a conflict of interest in relation to the Chair triad, another member of the Chair triad will be asked to score all entries for the relevant award).

The committee will award 1 award annually or equally may decide not to make an award in any given year.