

DECP Awards - Award for Innovation and Impact in Research

Scoring Matrix

Required for Award	Scoring Indicator
Recently been instrumental in the development of an innovative piece of research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • innovation or originality in topic area, research methods, practice or findings • demonstrated best practice including methodological rigour / ethical • research reflects BPS Code of Ethics and Conduct values
Improved psychological knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved psychological understanding/ knowledge in particular area • positive leader of a project, service or organisation • collaborated with other professionals in particular area • contributed to the work of the DECP in particular area
Impacted on individuals / communities / organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved public understanding • positive impact on individuals / groups and/or communities • positive impact on marginalised or disadvantaged social groups • national and / or international impact • collaboration with children/young people / their families / other professionals / the public / experts by experience.
Evidence of publication of research in a peer-reviewed journal (within the last 12 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence of publication of research in a peer-reviewed journal • presented research at a conference / similar event • disseminated research further (e.g. through other media channels, university teaching programmes)

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.