

DHP Award for Outstanding MSc Health Psychology Research Project (2021 - 2022)

The DHP invites BPS accredited MSc Health Psychology course leaders to nominate the MSc student with the highest grade for their research project in their cohort. It is expected that award winners will not only have an outstanding MSc project, but will also have the potential to share their research with a health psychology scientific audience and to translate their work into a peer-reviewed publication. Work can be in any area of health psychology.

The prize is a “prize winner” oral presentation at the DHP conference (28th& 29th June, Bristol), an award and certificate. We will support reasonable expenses for the winner to attend the conference in the form of a bursary, which includes a two-day conference attendance, two nights’ accommodation and travel. We also expect the winner to write a brief overview of their work and their experience of presenting for Health Psychology Update.

We encourage you to help us celebrate health psychology research by submitting your nominations online by 23:30hrs on Friday 7th January 2022. Please note that this year we ask you to include the full project on the nomination form to facilitate an efficient review process.

The Criteria

BPS accredited MSc Health Psychology course leaders can nominate the MSc student on their programme who achieved the highest grade for their research project for MSc degrees awarded between September 2020 and December 2021. It is expected that award winners will not only have an outstanding MSc project, but will also have the potential to translate this work into a peer-reviewed publication. Work can be in any area of health psychology.

All abstracts of award nominees will be reviewed by the Research Sub-Committee chaired by the DHP Research Lead, judged on appropriate length, quality, clarity and original contribution to the field of health psychology. A shortlist will be formed from this process, and the submitted full MSc thesis of shortlisted nominees will be reviewed. This will then be judged on the following criteria on a 0-5 point scale:

- 1) Clear and concise structure
- 2) Original contribution to the field of health psychology
- 3) Critical appraisal of the literature
- 4) Depth of knowledge
- 5) Detailed methodology

- 6) Depth/appropriateness of analysis
- 7) Strong and relevant conclusion

The MSc research project with the highest number of points will be awarded the DHP Award for Outstanding MSc Health Psychology Research Project.

NOTE: Nominations must come from MSc Health Psychology Course Leaders. Only one application per MSc programme will be considered. Self-nominations are not accepted. The DHP reserves the right not to make an award if no suitable nominations are received.

1) * Full name of Award Nominee

2) * Institution

3) * Nominee Email Address

4) * I confirm that the Nominee is aware of this nomination and would accept an award if given

Yes

Please note that we will reimburse reasonable expenses to attend the conference in the form of a bursary for the winner.

5) * I confirm that the Nominee is aware that if an award is granted, they will be expected to i) give an oral presentation of the work at the DHP conference and ii) produce a piece for Health Psychology Update

Yes

6) * I confirm that the Nominee has agreed to be contacted by e-mail regarding this award

Yes

7) Nominee's MSc thesis abstract (350 words maximum; add here or include as an appendix via the next question)

8) Nominee's MSc thesis abstract (350 words maximum)

Please remove the name and affiliation

9) Please provide a copy of the nominee's full text report

10) * I confirm that the research undertaken by this student was:

- the student's own independent project
- part of a larger programme of research
- other (please explain)

11) * Nomination by

Name

Institution

BPS Membership Number

Email Address