

## 2021 BPA Early Career Researcher Network Student and Early Career Researcher Excellence Plenary

### Description

The BPA Student and ECR Plenary recognises outstanding achievement by a student or early career researcher. The award is open to all Honours and postgraduate students, as well as those working at any level (i.e. research assistant through to post-doctoral researcher), in areas with relevance for advancing biological understandings and interventions of psychiatric disorders. Awardees are invited to deliver a special talk (20min) at the annual Biological Psychiatry Australia conference, and will receive a commemorative certificate. Each year, this award will be hosted by a different pre-eminent researcher in the field of biological psychiatry who will introduce the awardee.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be currently enrolled in a program (Honours/Masters/PhD) or working at an Australian university or research institute (research assistant/trial coordinator/post-doc etc).
- if awarded a **PhD (not a requirement)**, have been conferred **within the past 2 years** (taking into consideration career interruptions as defined by the current NHMRC criteria).
- be a current member of Biological Psychiatry Australia.
- have a track record relative to opportunity in biological psychiatry research.

### Selection criteria

1. Research output (30%)
  - Awardees will demonstrate the impact of their research through publications and conference participation.
2. Outreach, communication and leadership experience (30%)
  - Awardees will demonstrate contribution to scientific outreach (e.g. public communication of work), and involvement with events and committees.
3. Presentation topic (30%)
  - A brief description of the topic and work to be covered in the presentation. Do not need to provide data, as is done in an abstract submission. Awardees will demonstrate novelty and exceptional initiative in their work.
4. Motivation (10%)
  - Overview of motivation to apply for this plenary and what the anticipated benefits of it will be.

### Application process

1. A maximum 2-page CV including:
  - relevant employment history
  - publications
  - awards/Scholarships
2. Statement
  - highlighting research output, scientific involvement beyond academic proposed topic for a talk.
  - a maximum of 400 words.

**Deadline:** 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2021

Please compile both documents into a single PDF file. Text should be 11pt Arial Font. Please e-mail the application to [biolpsychaustralia.ecrn@gmail.com](mailto:biolpsychaustralia.ecrn@gmail.com) by the closing date at 5pm AEST. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.