



## 2022 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 plenary (20min) at the annual Biological Psychiatry Australia conference, and will receive a commemorative certificate.

#### 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.
    - Publications (please do not include conference abstracts) 15%
    - Conference participation (talks/posters) 15%
2. Outreach, communication, and leadership experience (30%)
  - Awardees will demonstrate:
    - contribution to scientific outreach (e.g., public communication of work) 10%
    - Involvement with events and committees 10% Leadership/supervision 10%
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 also demonstrate the topic will be of interest to the wider BPA network
    - Outline novelty of work 10%
    - Outline exceptional initiative taken 10%
    - Impact of your work 10%
4. Motivation (10%)

- Explicitly outline motivation to apply for this plenary and what the anticipated benefits to the individual will be.

### **Application process**

1. A maximum 2-page CV including:
  - relevant employment history
  - year of candidature/number of years post-PhD
  - publications
  - conference participation (please separate oral and poster presentations)
  - outreach
  - awards/Scholarships
  - any other relevant information
2. Statement
  - highlighting research output, scientific involvement beyond academic proposed topic for a talk.
  - a maximum of 400 words.

**Deadline:** 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

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.