
The Herman Schaalma PhD Award of the EHPS

The Herman Schaalma award for an outstanding PhD thesis in health psychology.

The Herman Schaalma award is awarded annually to acknowledge a PhD dissertation in the field of health psychology of outstanding excellence in terms of originality, significance and rigour.

The award aims to highlight excellence in PhD level research and to reinforce early career researchers to address key challenges in health psychology and adopt novel and rigorous theory and methodology.

The award is named after Professor Herman Schaalma, in memory of an outstanding scholar and mentor in health psychology who sadly died on 25 July 2009.

Eligibility

EHPS members who have obtained their PhD in a topic relevant to health psychology in the previous calendar year to the call for applications are eligible for the Herman Schaalma award.

Applicants must have been an Active EHPS member¹ for one year when submitting the application.

Criteria for the Herman Schaalma award

The Herman Schaalma award will be awarded to the applicant whose PhD is considered the best of the year in terms of originality, significance and rigour, as judged by a committee chaired by the EHPS President-Elect.

EHPS members may nominate themselves, or other EHPS members.

The committee will normally make one award per year.

Application materials (please submit)

1. Summary of the PhD thesis (max 1000 words)
2. A list of any submitted/ published papers based on the PhD (incl. conference presentations)
3. Brief CV (max 1 A4 page)
4. A 500 word summary highlighting how the research in the thesis contributes to the field highlighting the originality, significance and rigour of the work
5. Proof of PhD award (with date)
6. Photograph of applicant (jpeg file)

Award

The award will be announced at the EHPS conference. The successful candidate will be invited to attend the EHPS conference free of charge and there will also be an opportunity for the winner to present their work during the conference.

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¹ An active EHPS member will have paid the EHPS membership fee for the past year when submitting the application.