2019 ACNS Emerging Researcher Awards

Aim

The awards aim to recognise two outstanding researchers working in the field of cognitive neuroscience in Australasia at the very early stages of their careers. Consideration will be given to career disruptions (e.g., parental leave, relocation, illness, etc.). Following best practices of gender equality and in line with the international Cognitive Neuroscience Society, the ACNS will present two awards at its annual meeting (one male, one female).

The submission deadline for these awards is 9th of August 2019. All nominations must be submitted electronically – please see below for details.

Eligibility

- Working in any area of cognitive neuroscience (broadly defined).
- No more than two years from the receipt (date of letter of conferral not graduation) of their doctoral degree as of 1 July 2019 (not including career disruptions).
- Current membership of the Australasian Cognitive Neuroscience Society.
- Currently employed (at least 0.5FTE) at a university or research institution within the Australasian region. Researchers currently based in Australasia who completed their PhD internationally are welcome to apply.
- In attendance at the 2019 meeting to accept the award in person and give an oral presentation, and to participate in the ACNS Early Career Workshop.

Note: The committee will consider career disruptions when determining an applicant's eligibility and assessing achievements. A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption to an applicant's capacity to work. This can include (but is not limited to): pregnancy/adoption; major illness or injury; carer responsibilities including parental leave and care for immediate family (e.g. spouse, children or elderly parent); time spent out of the research/academic environment (e.g. employment in industry); natural disasters directly impacting research productivity (e.g. closure of research facilities due to flood, fire, earthquake, etc).

Assessment Criteria

Demonstration of a significant scientific contribution to research in cognitive neuroscience (relative to opportunity), broadly defined as the biological or brain foundations of mental/cognitive processes and behaviour. The committee will consider:

1. The quality of publications and presentations, particularly focusing on the applicant's nominated publication and their contribution to it.
2. Research experiences and expertise, e.g. lab visits and talks.
3. Evidence of emerging independence, including recognition of independence through awards, fellowships and grants.

Award

Invitation to present a talk (within a parallel session) at the 2019 ACNS Conference, flights (within Australasia), accommodation, along with conference registration and dinner costs.

Application

The following components are required:

- Contact information for the nominee (name, institution, position and email).
- The nominee's CV (max 2 pages) including; 1. Academic qualifications. 2. List of current and previous positions. 3. List of any awards, fellowships and grants. 4. Indications of emerging independence, such as lab visits and talks, invitations to present at conferences and invitations to review papers or grants.
- Summary of your current research interests, particularly highlighting research achievements or significant outcomes (max 300 words).
- A copy of one significant publication representative of the nominee's work.
- A short statement (max 300 words) outlining the significance to field of the selected publication and the nominee's contribution to the work.
- Full publication list attached as additional pages (only in press/published, can include preprints and conference abstracts).
- Statement outlining career disruption (if applicable; max 1 page). Please estimate the impact this may have had on your track record.

Submit all components in the one .pdf and send to acns@acns.org.au. If you have any questions about the application and selection process, please email Hannah.Keage@unisa.edu.au.