



2020 ACNS Young Investigator Award

Aim

To recognise an outstanding cognitive neuroscientist in Australasia who is making internationally recognised contributions to their field. Consideration will be given to career disruptions (e.g., parental leave, relocation, illness, etc.).

The submission deadline for these awards is 7th of August 2020. All nominations must be submitted electronically—please see below for details.

Eligibility Criteria

- Working in any area of cognitive neuroscience (broadly defined).
- No more than 10 years from the receipt (date of letter of conferral not graduation) of their doctoral degree as of 1 July 2020 (not including career disruptions).
- Currently employed (at least 0.5FTE) at a university or research institution within the Australasian region. Researchers currently based in Australasia who have conducted their research internationally are welcome to apply.
- Current membership of the Australasian Cognitive Neuroscience Society.

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, pandemic, etc).

Assessment Criteria

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

1. The quality of publications, particularly focusing on the applicant's nominated Top 5 (with citations and other signs of impact or recognition).
2. Awards, fellowships, and grants
3. Other signs of international recognition for research outcomes such as invitations to present at major conferences or international institutions.
4. Evidence of established research independence and leadership.

Award

Invitation to present Keynote Lecture at a virtual 2020 ACNS ceremony; an invitation to the 2021 ACNS conference, including flights, accommodation, conference registration and dinner costs; in addition to a \$1000 prize.

Application

The following components are required:

- Contact information for the nominee (name, institution, position and email).
- Brief CV summary (max 2 pages) including:
 1. Academic qualifications
 2. List of current and previous positions.
 3. List of significant Awards, fellowships, and grants.
 4. Indications of national/international recognition of contribution and standing in the field. This might include major conference presentations or invitations to present at international institutions, prominent positions on editorial boards, review panels, or professional societies, and other indicators of an international reputation.
- Summary of your current research interests, particularly highlighting research achievements or significant outcomes (max 300 words).
- List of Top 5 publications, with a brief description for each of the significant contribution made and any recognition received (e.g. signs of impact or recognition such as citations received, editorial commentaries, Faculty of 1000 listing, etc). (max 1 page)
- Full publication list attached as additional pages (only in press/published, can include preprints and conference abstracts).
- If applicable, a section (max 1 page) describing any significant career disruptions or responsibilities that could reasonably be considered to affect your eligibility and/or impact your research track record. 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 sharna.jamadar@monash.edu.