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*Te Rōpū Mātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa*

**GV Goddard Early Career Award**

**Achievement and Excellence in Research and  
Scholarship**

**Guideline Document**

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### **Brief history of the award**

The Goddard Award was named after Professor Graham V Goddard, Professor of Psychology and Head of the Department of Psychology, University of Otago, who was tragically killed in a tramping accident in 1987. Professor Goddard had an international reputation for his research in behavioural neuroscience, notably in the brain phenomenon of kindling. The Goddard Award was revised by the Society in 2010, and re-initiated as biennial Award in 2011.

### **Aims of the award**

This award recognizes early career achievement and excellence in research and scholarship in basic psychological science. "Early career" is defined as up to seven years post completion of the nominee's highest postgraduate award (i.e., Honours, Masters or PhD) in psychology.

The Goddard Award recognizes early achievement in basic psychological science including (but not limited to) neuroscience, behaviour analysis and learning, behaviour genetics, cognitive psychology/cognitive science, developmental psychology, motivation and emotion, neuroscience, perception, personality and social psychology, psychopharmacology, philosophy of science/research methodology/statistics, psychopathology, or any other topic in basic psychological science.

In exceptional circumstances and with the permission of the Chair of the Awards Committee, a nominee whose work does not clearly fall in this area may be considered for the Award. In such a case, or in any other case where there is doubt about the suitability of a potential nominee, the advice of the Awards Committee should be sought prior to a nomination being made.

### **Nature of the award**

The recipient of the GV Goddard Award receives \$500 and one year's free membership of the Society. The Award is offered every second year alternating with the other Goddard early career award.

### **Eligibility criteria**

Nominees must have completed the work they are to be recognized for within seven years of graduating from a New Zealand university. Nominees must have an Honours **or** Masters, degree (or equivalent) **or** PhD (or equivalent).

The Award will be based upon published work that is based on the nominee's postgraduate research (undertaken as part of a Masters thesis/dissertation project **or** Doctoral thesis/dissertation) and or research and scholarship work undertaken since the completion of their highest postgraduate award. While nominees are required to be New Zealand graduates, the work recognized in the Award may include work done in other countries and /or in international collaborations

Nominees are not required to be current members of the Society at the time of nomination but they do need to be eligible for membership.

### **Nomination process**

- Nominations are invited through Society publications and the NZPsS website.
- There must be a nominator and a seconder of the nomination, at least one of whom must be a member of the Society. One nominator or seconder should be the Head of Department/School in which the work being submitted for the Award was done, or by a supervisor of the work.
- The nominees should jointly or singly submit a supporting statement outlining their reasons for nominating the person for the Award.
- The HoD/S/S or the Supervisor must clearly explain the extent to which the publications are based on the nominee's postgraduate research, or on work subsequent to their postgraduate thesis/dissertation prior to the time limit, and where there are multiple authors, must explain the role that the nominee played in the publication(s).
- The signed approval of the nominee must also be given. If there are multiple authors of any work being considered, the nominee must make a statement explaining their own role and that of the co-authors of the work being submitted for the Award.
- The nomination must be accompanied by copies of the nominee's publications (to a maximum of three different articles), which must be based on the applicant's postgraduate research and/or on work done subsequently during the period of eligibility for the Award.
- Publications would normally be in quality-assured journals, books, or book chapters, but with the permission of the Chair of the Awards committee may include reports, books, manuals, or other forms of publication (including web-publications). [NB: the nominee's postgraduate thesis/dissertation/project itself is not to be included].
- The nominee will be asked to Indicate if their nomination is successful whether they would be willing to be named in media reports of the NZPsS awards

To assist the Awards Committee it is important that all information provided is full, accurate and complete. Electronic digital copies of all publications, nominations and supporting statements are preferred. If non-electronic copies are supplied there must be sufficient copies for each member of the Awards Committee. The Society may require one hard copy with signatures for recording and audit purposes.

All communication regarding the GV Goddard Award should be addressed to

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### **Selection Process**

Nominations for NZPsS Awards are reviewed by an Awards Committee appointed by the Executive of the New Zealand Psychological Society.

The Awards Committee makes a recommendation to the Executive.

The Committee may recommend that no Award be made in any particular year.

Nominees who are unsuccessful may be re-nominated so long as they are able to meet the eligibility criteria for the Award.

### **Criteria for the evaluation of nominations**

This award recognises early career achievement and excellence in research, scholarship, and application in the designated area. In reaching its judgment the Awards Committee will have regard to the originality, independence, relevance, actual or potential impact, contribution to the science or to human welfare (in general, or in reference to any specific group), and the overall quality of the work submitted for the Award.

### **Timetable and presentation of awards**

The timetable for the GV Goddard Early Career Award is as follows

- Applications close on the published date
- Nominees will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application once the selection process has taken place
- The Awards will be announced/presented at the NZPsS Annual Conference by the President of the NZPsS or other delegated person
- Recipients will be identified and honoured in Society publications and on the NZPsS website

### **Communication Issues**

The NZPsS may wish to communicate information on the awards to the media to increase public awareness about excellence in psychology practice, teaching and research. This will only occur with permission of successful nominees.