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**Tony (A.W) Taylor Award:
For Social Issues Publication**

Guidelines Document

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A brief history of the award

The Tony (AW) Taylor Award was established via bequest, in honour of Emeritus Professor Anthony Taylor and was first offered in 2024. Emeritus Prof Taylor was an eminent academic in a number of areas of psychology including polar psychology. His research consistently focused on the public good and ways to relieve distress impacting not only on disaster victims but also, those with mental illness, refugees and those in the criminal justice system.

Aims of the award

The Tony Taylor Award recognises an individual who has a publication in any area of applied psychology dealing with social issues.

Nature of the award

The recipient of the Tony Taylor Award receives \$500 + one year free membership of the NZPsS. The Award is offered every two years.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the Tony Taylor Award, nominees must

- be current members of the NZPsS (if the publication has multiple authors at least one must be a member of the Society)
- have produced a publication in the previous two calendar years (e.g. *publications published in 2022, or 2023 are eligible for nomination in 2024*)
- the publication must relate to an area of applied psychology dealing with social issues
- "Publication" can include books, chapters of books, or video or digital content that is substantial, it does not include articles.

In evaluating nominees the Awards Committee will consider the quality and impact of the nominee's publication.

Nomination process

Nominations are invited from NZPsS through NZPsS publications and the NZPsS website. The closing date for nominations will be advertised.

Nominators must be Full Members of the NZPsS and must not be the nominee. They must have the nominee's written consent for the nomination.

Nominators need to

- Complete the application form nominating an individual
- Send a letter with the form highlighting the publication on which the nomination is based and it's impacts/potential impact on the community.
- Include a copy of the publication, or a link to where it can be viewed if possible.
- Submit a current curriculum vitae for the nominee and ensure nominees complete the section of the form giving consent of the nominee to the nomination.

- Indication from the nominee that, if their nomination is successful, they would be willing to be named in media reports of the NZPsS awards. (nominees can decline media and this will not influence the decision)

To assist the Awards Committee it is important that all information provided is full accurate and complete.

All communication regarding the Taylor Award should be addressed to

Executive Director, NZ Psychological Society
Email: executivedirector@psychology.org.nz

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 decision of the Executive to confirm the recommendation or to decline it is final.

Timetable and presentation of awards

The timetable for the Tony Taylor award is as follows

- Nominations close on the advertised date – 1st June
- Nominees will be advised in writing of the outcome of their nomination
- The Awards will be announced/presented at the NZPsS Annual Conference or AGM by the President of the NZPsS
- 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.