

**New Zealand
Psychological Society**
Rōpū Mātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa



The Ballin Award

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Brief history of the award

This award honours Dame Ann Ballin, ONZ, DBE clinical psychologist and first woman President of the NZPsS who received the DBE for a lifelong contribution to advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities. Dame Ann Ballin lived with a disability herself.

Aims of the award

Awarded to a Member/Fellow of the Society who is deemed to have made a notably significant contribution in the Aotearoa/New Zealand context, to the development or enhancement of clinical psychology.

Nature of the award

The recipient of the Ballin Award receives \$1000. The Award is offered every four years.

Eligibility criteria

The award is open to those who have been members of the NZPsS for five years prior to nomination for the award.

Criteria for the evaluation of nominations

The successful nominee must have made a notably significant contribution to the development or enhancement of clinical psychology in the Aotearoa/New Zealand context through:

- original research
- dissemination of research and/or best practice
- the sustained exemplary or innovative practice of clinical psychology or through professional development, organization, supervision and/or mentoring of others in the field of clinical psychology

Nomination process

- Nominations are invited through Society publications and the NZPsS website
- Nominations can be made by any two members of the Society with the nominee's consent
- Nominators shall jointly or individually furnish the Awards Committee with a written statement justifying their nomination by specific reference to the criteria and their assessment of the nominee's achievements with regard to them
- Nominators shall give the names of two additional referees who the Committee may consult about the nomination. The nominee's CV may be attached
- Indicate if your nomination is successful whether you would be willing to be named in media reports of the NZPsS awards

All communication regarding the Ballin Award should be addressed to:

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

Timetable and presentation of awards

The timetable for the Ballin Award is as follows

Applications close on the date advertised in NZPsS publications. Nominees will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application. 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.