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**C J Adcock Award**

**Guidelines Document**

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## **A brief history of the award**

The Adcock Award was established in memory of Professor Cyril John Adcock of Victoria University and was first offered in 1990.

## **Aims of the award**

The Adcock Award recognises an individual who has made valuable and significant contributions to scholarship and research in psychology in the past five years in any of the following fields

- The philosophy of science
- Psychological theory
- Quantitative research methods
- Personality
- Cognition
- Perception
- Linguistics
- Experimental Psychology

[NB: Should the nature of psychology in New Zealand change over time so that the terms of the award no longer reflect major areas of current interest, the New Zealand Psychological Society may vary the terms of the award providing that such variation is consistent with Professor Adcock's interests as reflected in the CV presented at the time of the establishment of the award. The Award was revised consistent with this provision in the bequest in 2009.]

## **Nature of the award**

The recipient of the Adcock Award receives \$500. The Award is offered every four years.

## **Eligibility criteria**

To be eligible for the Adcock Award, nominees must be current members of the NZPsS and have been a member for a minimum of five years prior to nomination.

In evaluating nominees the Awards Committee will consider the quality and impact of the nominee's work and achievements in one or more of the designated areas of psychological scholarship and research identified in the application.

## **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 have the nominee's written consent for the nomination.

Nominees need to

- Send a letter to the NZPsS National Office identifying their nominee for the Adcock Award and specifying the nature and extent of the achievements upon which the nomination is based.
- Submit a current curriculum vitae for the nominee and written consent of the nominee to the nomination.
- Submit two copies of relevant books and papers published or accepted for publication in the past five years (these may be in electronic form).
- Provide names of two referees who may be approached by the Awards Committee to provide a confidential reference. Referees need not be members of the Society.
- Note that the nominee will be asked (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.

All communication regarding the Adcock Award should be addressed to

Executive Director  
 New Zealand Psychological Society  
 PO Box 10536  
 The Terrace  
 Wellington 6143

Email: [executivedirector@psychology.org.nz](mailto: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 Adcock award is as follows

- Nominations close on the advertised date
- Nominees will be advised in writing of the outcome of their nomination
- The Awards will be announced/presented at the NZPsS Annual Conference 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.