



## **Special Interest Group in Perinatal and Infant Mental Health (SIGPIMH)**

### **Perpetual Trophy/Award**

This award, introduced in 2023, will be made to an individual judged by the SIGPIMH committee judging panel to have made a significant contribution to the field of perinatal and infant mental health.

The SIGPIMH will run a call for nominations through emailing membership, social media, and PSI communication forums. Interested individuals are asked to describe their contribution to research or clinical work. The award, and a plaque/trophy in recognition of the award, will be presented at the PSI Annual Conference.

#### **Eligibility**

- This is an early career award and is open only to PSI members less than seven years after their primary psychology degree.
- The recipient can be a student or an early graduate.
- The recipient of the Award will be chosen from psychologists who have contributed to the field of perinatal and infant mental health verified as eligible for consideration for the award by the SIGPIMH award judging panel.
- The award will be given for clinical and research perinatal and infant mental health.
- Work does not have to be published.
- The winner will be asked to present to SIGPIMH membership at a grand rounds session/the PSI Conference/SIGPIMH event.
- Committee members of the SIGPIMH, or any members of the judging panel for the award, will not be eligible to apply.

Before the PSI Conference, the SIGPIMH will make a call for nominations through email, social media, and the PSI communications team, to ask for expressions of interest from those who wish to be considered for the award. The SIGPIMH judging panel will check each submission to ensure that it fully meets the eligibility criteria. Only the SIGPIMH judging panel will know the identities of the submitting authors. The panel of judges will be convened by the SIGPIMH committee, or invited PSI and SIGPIMH members if no committee members are available. The SIGPIMH committee will notify all who applied of the successful winner following the PSI Annual Conference. The SIGPIMH committee will also announce the winner on social media and by email to their membership.

### **Expressions of Interest**

The SIGPIMH will ask for a personal statement of between 300-400 words for nominations for the award under the headings below.

- Title.
- Project/Research.
- The contribution the project made to perinatal or infant mental health.
- What is unique about the project.
- List three reasons the project should win the award.
- Short biography – who you are, where you study/work, your interest in perinatal and infant mental health.

**Applications should be emailed directly to [perinatalandinfant@psychologicalsociety.ie](mailto:perinatalandinfant@psychologicalsociety.ie).**

The deadline for the 2023 award is Friday 27 October.

### **Judging the Submissions**

The judges will use a standardised rating evaluation form to rate the presentations.

### **Assessment Criteria**

1. The importance and relevance of the topic to perinatal and infant mental health.
2. The novelty and/or value of the work in the field of perinatal and infant mental health in Ireland.
3. Evidence of contribution of the area.
4. The overall quality of the topic.

### **The Award**

The successful candidate will receive a commemorative engraved perpetual trophy, a certificate of recognition, and an honorarium at the Symposium in Perinatal and Infant Mental Health at the Annual Conference of the Psychological Society of Ireland. The trophy will be engraved and handed down each year at the PSI Annual Conference. The SIGPIMH will take responsibility for the production of the certificate of recognition. The honorarium of €300 is paid in One4All vouchers out of the SIGPIMH budget. It can be used by the recipient for clinical, academic, or research-related activities (e.g., books, equipment). The honorarium will be administered by the Treasurer co-ordinator of the SIGPIMH committee.

