

Premio Interamericano Estudiantil de Investigación en Psicología "Ignacio Martín-Baró" **Interamerican Student Award for Research in Psychology "Ignacio Martín-Baró"**

Description and Categories:

It is the SIP prize awarded to undergraduate and graduate students who, individually or in groups, have conducted empirical research as part of their degree requirements (research project, thesis, or dissertation). The applicants will compete for the award category corresponding to the academic degree obtained with the research project/thesis/dissertation submitted. There are two categories for this award:

- a) Undergraduate for students completing a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- b) Graduate students completing a master's or doctoral degree.

Criteria for the Applicant and the Work Submitted:

- a) Possess an active student membership of the SIP.
- b) Be native or have nationality of a country of the Americas.
- c) Have completed and approved research project, thesis, or dissertation submitted for the award on a date after June 2021.
- d) Have written the degree project in one of the four official languages of the SIP: Spanish, English, Portuguese, or French.

Evaluation Criteria:

- a) Originality and contribution to the advancement of psychology.
- b) Relevance of the problem and the topic addressed.
- c) Conceptual clarity.
- d) Adequacy of the methodology used to define and study the problem posed.
- e) Quality and use of the information collected (documents, data, instruments, and related topics).
- f) Consistent conclusions based on the information presented.
- g) Adequate citation of sources used, their relevance, as well as ways of referencing (use of the APA publication standards, most recent version).

Application Process:

- a) Complete the electronic application form.
- b) Send, through the electronic system, an application letter prepared by the research mentor in which each of the evaluation criteria is highlighted (max. 3 pp.).
- c) Send CV's of all the individuals who appear as authors of the submitted work.
- d) Send supporting documentation (i.e., certificate or certificate of academic degree, proof of current membership of the SIP).
- e) Simultaneous submission of the abstract of the paper (max. 3 pp.) and the full paper (max. 15 pp.) in anonymous versions.
- f) All materials must be provided in PDF format in a single file in the following order: Application Letter, CVs, Supporting Documentation, Work Summary and Full Work.

Evaluation Process:

- a) The call for applications is made by the Secretary General following the planned schedule.
- b) All applications will be made through an electronic reception system, available from the date of the call.
- c) The coordination of the Awards Committee will be in charge of the acting presidency of the SIP, accompanied by the outgoing and incoming presidencies.
- d) To evaluate the profile of the applicants, an Evaluation Committee will be created, consisting of the three presidencies plus 6 individuals who have already been awarded the Interamerican awards.
- e) The members of the Evaluation Committee will review the materials received and evaluate them using an electronic system, based on the evaluation criteria made public.
- f) The nine individuals that comprise the Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate all the summaries of the submitted works and, subsequently, the extended works of the six best summaries for each category of academic degree (i.e., undergraduate and graduate).
- g) Each work submitted will receive an average score (100 max.) and will be classified or ranked in general by academic degree category.
- h) Each member of the Evaluation Committee will select the best work of the three selected in each of the two award categories and will state why said work deserves the award over the rest of the works.
- i) The papers with the highest scores in each of the two categories and with the greatest consensus on the part of the Evaluation Committee will be declared the first places and winners of the awards. The other two works will receive honorable mentions.
- j) The person coordinating the selection of the awards will present a report on the results to the SIP Board and will recommend the winning works (one per category) and the honorable mentions (two per category) that according to the evaluation process should receive the award.
- k) The members of the SIP Board who support any of the applications, in writing, must refrain from participating in the deliberation related to the application being considered. Additionally, each member of the SIP Board must acknowledge if they have any conflict of interest that may affect their judgment in the evaluation of the people nominated for the award. If there is no unanimous agreement on the final decision, all members of the SIP Board will express their feelings (i.e., in favor, against, abstention) and a simple majority decision will be made. The Secretary General will coordinate any voting process of this nature.
- l) The winning research project/thesis/dissertation will be announced by the SIP Secretary General.

Incentives Awarded:

- a) The two first-place winning papers (Undergraduate and Graduate) will receive a grant of four hundred dollars (US \$400.00 each) delivered by bank transfer or in person, at the Interamerican Congress of Psychology (CIP).
- b) The students of the six final works will receive an invitation for the oral presentation of their works in a symposium or table at the CIP.
- c) Students will receive certificates of recognition at the CIP during its opening ceremony.
- d) The winners and the authors of the honorable mentions will receive a free annual membership and a discount of 50% of the registration to the CIP to encourage their participation.