



BASIS FOR THE CALL - SIP AWARDS 2025 XL INTERAMERICAN CONGRESS OF PSYCHOLOGY

By agreement of the board of members, the following awards will be presented at the Interamerican Psychological Congresses (CIP) of the Interamerican Society of Psychology (SIP)

- 1) Interamerican Award of Psychology "Rogelio Díaz-Guerrero"** for professionals Spanish and Portuguese- speaking professionals.
- 2) Interamerican Award of Psychology "Judith Gibbons"** for English and French-speaking professionals.
- 3) Interamerican Student Award for Research in Psychology "Ignacio Martín-Baró"**
- 4) Professional Development of Psychology in the Americas Award "José Toro Alfonso"**
- 5) Early Career Scientific Contribution Award "Maritza Montero"**

I. INTERAMERICAN AWARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

A) Description

It is the flagship award of the SIP, awarded by the Board of Directors, given to individuals considered international leaders and referents who are at a mature stage of their career and have made exceptional contributions to the development of psychology as a science and/or profession in the Americas. The Interamerican award is considered a recognition of lifetime achievements. The applicant will compete for the award category corresponding to the language in which he has developed his scientific and professional contributions. Self-applications are accepted.

B) Categories:

1. Interamerican Award of Psychology "Rogelio Díaz-Guerrero" for professionals of Spanish and Portuguese language.
2. Interamerican Award for Psychology "Judith Gibbons" for English and French-speaking professionals.

C) Criteria for the applicant:

1. Have more than 15 years of obtaining a doctorate or higher academic degree.
2. Have an active professional membership of the SIP.
3. Be native or have the nationality of a country in the Americas.
4. Participation in research teams or sustained cooperation with professionals from at least two of the geographical regions of SIP (North, Mexico, Central and Caribbean, and South) or in several countries of the same region.

D) Exclusion criteria:

1. Active members of the SIP Board cannot apply.
2. Applicants cannot apply for more than one SIP award.
3. Late applications or received outside the reception system will not be accepted.
4. Applicants who have won this award in the past.

E) Evaluation criteria:

Exceptional contributions to the scientific and professional advancement of psychology in the Americas, which can be evidenced, for example, through:

1. Scientific productivity (e.g., articles from indexed journals, book chapters, books, keynotes at scientific meetings).
2. Impact of scientific production (e.g., prestige, recognition, citations, application, etc.).
3. Social relevance of scientific production.
4. Participation in research teams or sustained cooperation with professionals from at least two of the SIP's geographical regions or with professionals from several countries in the same region.
5. Participation in evaluating of scientific papers and professional committees (e.g., juries, referees, working groups, etc.).
6. Training of human resources (e.g., students, researchers, interns, etc.).
7. Contributions to the SIP (e.g., speaker, author, evaluator, member of the Board, etc.).
8. Participation in national and international psychology organizations.
9. Recognitions obtained and relevant professional leadership positions.
10. National and international recognition.

F) Application process:

1. Complete the electronic application form.
2. Send an application letter via the electronic system highlighting each evaluation criteria (maximum five pages).
3. Request letters of support from SIP members.
4. Send proof of active SIP membership.
5. Send the CV of the postulant.
6. All materials must be in PDF format in a single file in the following order:
Application letter, CV, Membership proof, and letters of support.

G) Evaluation process:

1. The General Secretariat calls for applications following the planned scheduling.
2. All applications will be completed by an electronic reception system, available from the call

- date.
3. The acting SIP presidency, accompanied by the outgoing and incoming presidencies, will coordinate the Awards Committee.
 4. To evaluate the applicants' profiles, an Evaluation Committee will be created composed of the three presidencies and people who have already received the Interamerican awards.
 5. The members of the Evaluation Committee will review the submitted materials and evaluate them using an electronic system based on the published evaluation criteria.
 6. The Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate the profiles of all applicants.
 7. Each applicant will receive an average score (maximum 100) and will be ranked or evaluated in general and in each of the evaluation areas.
 8. Each member of the Evaluation Committee will select the best candidate nominated in each of the two award categories and argue why that person deserves the award over the rest of the nominations.
 9. The coordinator of the award selection will present a report on the results to the Board and recommend the persons who, according to the evaluation process, should receive the Interamerican award.
 10. The Interamerican award will be a single award (two in total per CIP) in its two categories.
 11. Board members who support any applications in writing shall refrain from participating in the deliberations of the application being considered. In addition, each member of the Board shall recognize if he or she has any conflict of interest that may affect his or her judgment in assessing applicants for the award. If there is no unanimous agreement on the final decision, all members of the Board will express their views (i.e., for, against, abstention) and a simple majority decision will be taken. The General Secretariat shall coordinate any such voting process.
 12. The SIP Secretary-General will announce the winners.

G) Incentives granted:

1. Invitation to give a keynote address at the Interamerican Congress of Psychology.
2. Plaque of recognition at the Interamerican Congress of Psychology during the opening ceremony.
3. Exemption from registration fees to the Interamerican Congress of Psychology in which will receive the award.

II. INTERAMERICAN STUDENT AWARD FOR RESEARCH IN PSYCHOLOGY "IGNACIO MARTÍN-BARÓ"

A) Description

This SIP award is given to undergraduate and graduate students who, individually or in groups, have conducted empirical research as part of their degree work. Applicants will compete for the award category corresponding to the academic degree obtained with the submitted graduation work.

B) Categories:

1. Undergraduate students completing a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
2. Graduate students completing master's or doctoral degree.

C) Criteria for the applicant and the work submitted:

1. Have an active student SIP membership.
2. Be native or have the nationality of a country in the Americas.
3. Have completed and approved the research project, thesis, or dissertation submitted for award at a date later than June 2023.
4. Have written the thesis in one of the four official languages of the SIP: Spanish, English, Portuguese or French.

D) Evaluation criteria:

1. Originality and contribution to the advancement of psychology.
2. Relevance of the problem and relevance of the topic addressed.
3. Conceptual clarity.
4. Adequacy of the method used to define and study the problem posed.
5. Quality and use of information collected (documents, data, tools, and related topics).
6. Consistent conclusions from the information presented.
7. Appropriate citation of used sources, their relevance, and ways to reference (compliance with APA publication standards, latest version).

E) Application process:

1. Complete the electronic application form.
2. Send, via the electronic system, an application letter prepared by the research mentor highlighting each evaluation criteria (maximum three pages).
3. Send CVs of all authors of the submitted paper.
4. Submit supporting documentation (i.e., academic degree record or certificate, SIP membership proof)
5. Simultaneous submission of the summary of the work (maximum three pages) and the complete work (maximum 15 pages) in anonymized versions.
6. All materials must be in PDF format in a single file in the following order: Application letter, CVs, Supporting documentation, Work summary, and complete work.

F) Evaluation process:

1. The Secretary-General makes the call for applications following the planned scheduling.
2. All applications will be made via the electronic reception system, available from the call date.
3. The acting SIP presidency, accompanied by the outgoing and incoming presidencies, will coordinate the Awards Committee.
4. To evaluate the profiles of applicants, an Evaluation Committee will be created composed of the three presidencies plus people who have already received the Interamerican awards.
5. The members of the Evaluation Committee will review the submitted materials and evaluate them using an electronic system based on published evaluation criteria.
6. The Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate all submitted abstracts and, subsequently, extended abstracts of six best abstracts for each academic degree category (i.e., undergraduate and graduate).
7. Each work submitted will receive an average score (maximum 100) and will be classified or evaluated in general by the academic degree category.
8. Each member of the Evaluation Committee will select the best work from the three chosen in

each of the two award categories and argue why that work deserves the award over the rest of the work.

9. The works with the highest scores in the two categories and with the greatest consensus by the Evaluation Committee will be declared the first places and winners of the award. The other two jobs will receive honorary mentions.
10. The award selection coordinator will report the results to the Board and recommend the winning entries (one per category) and the honorary mentions (two per category) that should be awarded according to the evaluation process.
11. Board members who support any applications in writing shall refrain from participating in the deliberations of the application being considered. In addition, each member of the Board shall acknowledge any conflicts of interest that may affect their judgment when assessing applicants for the award. If there is no unanimous agreement on the final decision, all members of the Board will express their views (i.e., for, against, abstention) and a simple majority decision will be taken. The Secretary-General shall coordinate any such voting process.
12. The SIP Secretary-General will announce the winning research project/thesis/dissertation.

G) Incentives granted:

1. The two first-place winners (undergraduate and graduate) will receive a four-hundred-dollar grant (US \$400.00 c/u), which can be delivered by bank transfer or at the CIP.
2. Students will receive CIP recognition diplomas during the opening ceremony.
3. To encourage their participation, authors of winning work and honorary mentions will receive a free annual membership and a 50% discount on CIP registration.

III. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY IN THE AMERICAS AWARD "JOSÉ TORO ALFONSO"

A) Description

This award is designed to recognize the professional work carried out by SIP members in applying psychological knowledge in their home countries or internationally. Professional work in the broad sense means all work of applying scientific knowledge to psychology to enhance the well-being of the population and/or advance the status of psychology as a science. The applicants for this award may be teachers and human resources trainers of conspicuous recognition, professional leaders who have promoted important changes in the development of psychology in their country, Public servants who use scientific knowledge in psychology to design and implement mental health programs or initiatives, as well as practitioners of psychology who have increased access to mental health services in a creative but rigorous way.

B) Criteria for the applicant:

1. Have more than 10 years from the academic degree.
2. Have an active professional SIP membership.
3. Be native or have the nationality of a country in the Americas.
4. Have worked actively in your home country or in several countries.

C) Exclusion criteria:

1. Active members of the SIP Board cannot apply.
2. Applicants cannot apply for more than one SIP award.
3. Applications received late or outside the reception system will not be accepted.
4. Applicants who have won this award in the past.

D) Evaluation criteria:

1. Exceptional contributions to the professional advancement of psychology in the Americas.
2. Impact of their professional work (e.g., prestige, recognition, participation in scientific and/or professional events, interventions, etc.).
3. Social relevance of their professional work.
4. Participation in work and research teams.
5. Participation in national and international psychology organizations.
6. Contributions to the SIP (e.g., speaker, author, evaluator, member of the Board, etc.).
7. Training and mentoring of human resources (e.g., students, researchers, interns, etc.).
8. Promotion of values of social and ethical justice.
9. Recognitions obtained and relevant professional leadership positions.
10. Sustained cooperation with professionals from at least one SIP geographical region.
11. National and international recognition.

E) Application process:

1. Complete electronic application form.
2. Send an application letter through the electronic system highlighting each evaluation criteria (maximum five pages).
3. Request letters of support from SIP members.
4. Send the applicant's active SIP membership proof.
5. Send the applicant's CV.
6. All materials must be provided in PDF format in a single file in the following order: Application Letter, CV, Membership proof, and Letters of Support.

F) Evaluation process:

1. The SIP General Secretary calls for applications following the planned schedule.
2. The acting SIP presidency, accompanied by the outgoing and incoming presidencies, will coordinate the Awards Committee.
3. To evaluate the profiles of applicants, an Evaluation Committee will be created composed of the three presidencies plus people who have already received the Interamerican awards.
4. The members of the Evaluation Committee will review the submitted materials and evaluate them using an electronic system based on publicly available evaluation criteria.
5. The Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate the profiles of all applicants.
6. Each applicant will receive an average score (maximum 100) and will be ranked or ranked in general and in each of the evaluation areas.
7. Each member of the Evaluation Committee will select the best candidate and argue why that person deserves the award.
8. The award selection coordinator will report the results to the Board and recommend which individuals should receive the award according to the evaluation process.
9. The "José Toro Alfonso" Professional Development of Psychology in the Americas award will be unique to CIP. However, the coordinator and the Board may award more than one in

extraordinary situations.

10. Board members who support any applications in writing shall abstain from participating in the deliberations of the application being considered. In addition, each member of the Board shall acknowledge any conflicts of interest that may affect their judgment when assessing applicants for the award. If there is no unanimous agreement on the final decision, all members of the Board will express their views (i.e., for, against, abstention), and a simple majority decision will be taken. The Secretary-General shall coordinate any such voting process.

11. The SIP Secretary-General will announce the winner or winners.

G) Incentives granted:

1. Plaque of recognition at the CIP during the opening ceremony.
2. Exemption from registration fees to the CIP, which will receive the award.

IV. EARLY CAREER SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION AWARD "MARITZA MONTERO"

A) Description:

This award is designed to recognize the scientific work of SIP members in the early or intermediate stages of their careers, whose production and leadership are still under development. The applicants for this award are academics who enjoy national and/or international recognition and have begun to excel in some branches of psychology. Unlike the Interamerican Award applicants, the Early Career Scientific Contribution Award applicants are not yet considered leaders and references in psychology in the Americas.

B) Criteria for the applicant:

1. Have between five and 10 years of having obtained the highest academic degree.
2. Have an active professional SIP membership.
3. Be of native or have nationality of a country in the Americas.
4. Participation in research teams or sustained cooperation with professionals from at least two of the geographical regions of SIP (North, Mexico, Central and Caribbean, and South) or in several countries of the same region.

C) Exclusion criteria:

1. Active members of the SIP Board cannot apply.
2. Applicants cannot apply for more than one SIP award.
3. Applications received late or outside the reception system will not be accepted.
4. Applicants who have won this award in the past.

D) Evaluation criteria:

Outstanding contributions to the scientific and professional advancement of psychology in the Americas, such as:

1. Scientific productivity (e.g., articles from refereed journals, book chapters, books, keynote lectures at scientific meetings).
2. Originality of scientific production.
3. Impact of scientific production (e.g., prestige, recognition, citations, application, etc.).

4. Social relevance of scientific production.
5. Participation in research teams.
6. Participation in evaluating scientific papers and professional committees (e.g., juries, referees, working groups, etc.).
7. Participation in national and international psychology organizations.
8. Contributions to the SIP (e.g., lecturer, author, evaluator, member of the board, etc.).
9. Training and/or mentoring of human resources (e.g., students, researchers, interns, etc.).
10. Promotion of values of social and ethical justice.
11. Relevant professional leadership positions and awards.
12. Participation in research teams or sustained cooperation with professionals from at least two of the SIP's geographical regions or with professionals from several countries in the same region.
13. National and international recognition.

E) Application process:

1. Complete the electronic application form.
2. Send an application letter through the electronic system highlighting each evaluation criteria (maximum five pages).
3. Manage letters of support from SIP members.
4. Send the applicant's CV.
5. All materials must be provided in PDF format in a single file in the following order: Application Letter, CV, Membership Record, and Letters of Support.

F) Evaluation process:

1. The SIP Secretary-General calls for applications following the planned scheduling.
2. All applications will be made through an electronic reception system, which will be available from the date of the call.
3. The acting SIP presidency, accompanied by the outgoing and incoming presidencies, will coordinate the Awards Committee.
4. To evaluate the profiles of applicants, an Evaluation Committee will be created composed of the three presidencies plus people who have already received the Interamerican awards.
5. The members of the Evaluation Committee will review the submitted materials and evaluate them using an electronic system based on publicly available evaluation criteria.
6. The Evaluation Committee will review and evaluate the profiles of all applicants.
7. Each applicant will receive an average score (maximum 100) and will be ranked or ranked in general and in each of the evaluation areas.
8. Each member of the evaluation committee will select the best candidate and argue why this person deserves the award over the other candidates.
9. The award selection coordinator will report on the results to the Board and recommend the individuals who, according to the evaluation process, should receive the award.
10. The "Maritza Montero" Early Career Scientific Contribution Award will be a one-time CIP. However, the coordinator and the Board may award more than one award in extraordinary situations.
11. Board members who support any applications in writing shall refrain from participating in the deliberations of the application being considered. In addition, each member of the Board shall recognize any conflict of interest that may affect their judgment in assessing the award. If there is no unanimous agreement on the final decision, all members of the Board will express their views (i.e., for, against, abstention), and a simple majority decision will be taken. The Secretary-General shall coordinate any such voting process.

12. The SIP General Secretary-general will announce the winners.

G) Incentives granted:

1. Plaque of recognition at the CIP during the opening ceremony.
2. Exemption from registration fees to the CIP, which will receive the award.

Note:

Acceptance of the bases: Participation in this Call implies knowledge and acceptance of this document and the decisions made. The SIP Awards Committee and Board will resolve any matters not covered by this call.

TENTATIVE WORK SCHEDULE OF THE 2025 SIP AWARDS

- Call publication date: January 24th, 2025
- Deadline for receipt of applications: March 10th, 2025
- Announcement of winners: March 31st, 2025 ¹

¹ **Clarification:** The deadline for communicating results could be extended depending on the number of proposals received and the evaluation time required.

Appendix:

Appendix 1. Call for submission

APPENDIX 1: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Call for the SIP 2025 Awards - XL Interamerican Congress of Psychology

The Interamerican Psychological Society (SIP) has given several awards at each of its Interamerican Congresses, which aimed to recognize and encourage the generation of new knowledge derived from research, Professional practice, and institutional actions. The awards are:

- 1) Interamerican Award for Psychology "Rogelio Díaz-Guerrero"** for professionals of Spanish and Portuguese language.
- 2) Interamerican Award for Psychology "Judith Gibbons"** for English and French-speaking professionals.
- 3) Interamerican Student Award for Research in Psychology "Ignacio Martín- Baró"**
- 4) Professional Development of Psychology in the Americas Award "José Toro Alfonso"**
- 5) Early Career Scientific Contribution Award "Maritza Montero"**

To clarify and streamline the application procedure, the Board has generated a document with the bases for the 2025 call, which can be downloaded on the Society's website.

Please review this document to see if you would like to submit an application for a SIP member who deserves one of the Society's awards. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the SIP General Secretary at oficinacentral@sipsych.org.

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