The BACP Outstanding Research Award 2025

## **Submission deadline: 23:59, Sunday 3 November 2024**

##### **Have you recently completed a research project?**

## The aims of this award are to:

## reward excellence in counselling and psychotherapy research

* enhance awareness of the evidence base for counselling, psychotherapy  
   and its guiding principles
* improve the overall quality of counselling and psychotherapy research by example
* encourage and inspire future generations of researchers in counselling and psychotherapy

The BACP Outstanding Research Award is open to anyone who has undertaken recent research to submit for consideration, which has been completed/written up within the last 36 months. The author may have published widely and extensively. If they win the award and they haven't published the winning research anywhere previously, then they would be encouraged to submit their winning research for publication in BACP’s journal *Counselling and Psychotherapy Research*). If they *have* published the winning research elsewhere, they cannot submit it to *CPR* but they are still eligible to enter it for the award. However, they may choose to take a particular aspect of the research and write a new, original paper on it, for submission to *CPR*. It is not unusual for people to publish several papers on the same research in different journals, focussing on different aspects of the research, which is perfectly acceptable. *CPR* insists on publishing papers that have not been submitted elsewhere because of copyright regulations.

Submissions should follow the academic conventions of *Counselling and Psychotherapy Research* journal, e.g. referencing styles, publishing guidelines for qualitative research, etc. See the *CPR* journal or the [Wiley website](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1746-1405/homepage/ForAuthors.html) for authors’ guidelines.  
  
 In addition to the submission form, entrants must complete the pro-forma with nominee details. The submission form should contain your actual submission. You may include relevant appendices within the word limit but please do not include full reports in addition to your submission.

Entries should not exceed 7,000 words (including appendices but excludingreferences) and must be accompanied by an abstract of up to 250 words.

Research should have been completed or written up within the last 3 years.

The research is not restricted to any particular methodology, group or setting, and entries can be submitted by an individual, a research team, or a researcher on behalf of an organisation. Or, you can nominate another party.

Electronic submission is preferred, but if submitting applications in hard copy, all entries or nominations should consist of 4 identical collated copies of material to include completed pro-forma entry form and supporting material and appendices for each set. Email *and* postal submissions should arrive no later than 23:59, Sunday 3 November 2024 and should include all relevant material and appendices.

When submitting your entry, please ensure that you have obtained permission to feature material from external suppliers as necessary. This is the responsibility of the entrant. Please make third parties aware that the material may appear in print in *Therapy Today*, *CPR*, [www.bacp.co.uk](http://www.bacp.co.uk/) or in other in-house or associated publications or communication channels whether printed or electronic.

### **Deadline for entries is 23:59, Sunday 3 November 2024**

The winning entrant will be awarded a specially designed plaque, which will be presented at the BACP Research Conference next year (16-17 May 2025 in Manchester and online). The successful candidate will be offered a complimentary day delegate place for the day of the presentation, but travel and further expenses will not be covered.

The successful candidate will be notified in January 2025.

Winning entries may be edited and published in *CPR* (which would require the submission to be original work and not having been published elsewhere), in *Therapy Today* or any of BACP's other channels of communication. Entrants may mark various sensitive parts of their entry, such as information contained in their balance sheet and profit and loss account, as not for publication.

The judges’ decisions are final and neither the organisers nor the judging panel will enter into correspondence about them.

Postal entries should be sent to: Dr Andy Boyle, Senior Research Administrator, re: BACP Outstanding Research Award 2025, British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, BACP House, 15 St John’s Business Park, Lutterworth, LE17 4HB.

Submissions by email (including all attachments) should be sent to andy.boyle@bacp.co.uk to arrive no later than 23:59, 3 November 2024.

Important: if you do not receive an acknowledgement of your submission within a week, please email [research@bacp.co.uk](file:///C:/Users/Jo.R-Johnson/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/STJZUIBE/research@bacp.co.uk) to check that we have received your entry.

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Please attach this section to the front of your completed form and supporting material (photocopies will be accepted) – submission deadline midnight, Wednesday 1 November 2023.

If you are nominating a third party (another person or group) please give your own contact details in section (a), and then continue to section (b). If you are self-nominating, go directly to section (b). Please list subsequent contributors by name and give a description of their role and individual contribution on a separate sheet.

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| **(a) Nominating a third party** (Please print clearly) | |
| Name of nominator (if nominating another person or group) |  |
| BACP Membership Number (if applicable) |  |
| Position or professional title |  |
| Organisation name (if applicable) |  |
| Address: | |
| Telephone: | Email: |

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| **(b) Nominee** | |
| Name project lead or lead author |  |
| BACP Membership Number (if applicable) |  |
| Position or professional title |  |
| Organisation name (if applicable) |  |
| Address: | |
| Telephone: | Email: |

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| **Academic Referee** (Contact details of an individual who we can contact who is qualified to comment on the work submitted) | |
| Name of Academic Referee |  |
| BACP Membership Number (if applicable) |  |
| Position or professional title |  |
| Organisation name (if applicable) |  |
| Address: | |
| Telephone: | Email: |

The deadline for entries is 23:59, Sunday 3 November 2024. Entries including appendices (but excluding references) should not exceed 7,000 words.

Entries must include a completed nomination form, a 250-word abstract and the submission inserted into the pro-forma below. Do not include full reports in addition to your submission. Appendices should be clearly marked and be within the total word limit. Note: references are not included in word limit.

Delivery:  
Postal entries can be made to Dr Andy Boyle, Senior Research Administrator (Re: BACP Outstanding Research Award 2024), British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy, BACP House, 15 St John’s Business Park, Lutterworth, LE17 4HB or emailed together with all attachments to [andy.boyle@bacp.co.uk](mailto:andy.boyle@bacp.co.uk)

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Please complete the following sections of this form, giving a clear response under each of the sections as applicable. Your submission including abstract and appendices should not exceed 7,250 words. The word count does *not* include references.

Please note: The winning entry may be edited and published in *Therapy Today*, *CPR* or any of BACP's other channels of communication, as will the presentation of the award to the individual. Entrants may mark various sensitive parts of their entry, such as information contained in their balance sheet and profit and loss account, as not for publication.

**Abstract (should not exceed 250 words**).

Please ensure that your abstract reflects your submission and includes information on objective, innovation, method(s), findings, impact and dissemination

**Lead Researcher:**

**Research title:**

**Abstract: insert 250 words** Please ensure that your abstract reflects your submission and includes information on objective, innovation, method(s), findings, impact and dissemination

**Full Submission (this section and appendices should not exceed 7,000 words):**

**Objective/Innovation**

Demonstration of how and why this research is unique in terms of its subject and *delivery (*why you did it, how was it new, why is it important?):

**Rigorous Methodology**

Demonstration and description of research methodology (how you did it, describing and justifying the methods used):

**Results**

What are the results and implications for research and practice?

**Dissemination**

Description of how the research results were published or distributed:

**Ethical Approval**

Give evidence of the ethical approval by participants and relevant organisations, if appropriate:

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

Describe the considerations given to issues of equality, diversity and inclusion in your research:

**Funding Information**

Give funding source details:

**BACP Fair Processing Notice**

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