

The Carl Berkeley Memorial Award

This national award honours a fully paid-up member of IACP who has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the counselling profession by creating or influencing counselling projects or counselling development work at local and national level.

- The person's contributions may be through some or all the following criteria,
 - program development
 - community counselling service
 - organising, writing, research
 - professional activities
- Awardees should meet, establish, and promote the highest professional and ethical standards and may be recognised as leaders in their field
- Eligible nominees will be knowledgeable, demonstrate creativity and succeed in stretching the boundaries defining the parameters of good practice
- Fulfils or exceeds the criteria for some or all the criteria for the IACP Regional Award

Nominations for this award are assessed by a selected panel and approved by the IACP Board of Directors whose decision will be confidential and final.

The successful nominee will receive a crystal Carl Berkeley Memorial award in perpetuity.

Nominations can be put forward in all cases by a member, a Regional Committee or by the Board of Directors. No self-nominations will be accepted.

An awards panel [Five IACP members nominated by the Board of Directors] will be selected to review the nominations submitted within 6 weeks of a final submission date, which will be published in the IACP Journal or by e-news. This panel's decision will be confidential and final.

The successful nominee will receive a complimentary conference ticket to attend the awards ceremony, overnight accommodation (for 2 if required), a conference dinner ticket (for 2 if required) and travel expenses to and from the conference venue.

IACP Regional Award

Award Criteria

The IACP Regional Award aims to recognise a person who meets some, or all, of the following criteria:

- A fully paid-up member who makes a notable contribution to the profession of Counselling and Psychotherapy, or to the Counselling and Psychotherapy Community in their Region.
 - Service contributions can include development of creative educational or training programs (does not include personal business initiatives), or other novel activities in the advancement of the profession
- A member who has made outstanding practice contributions to the profession locally (i.e., setting up local charitable agencies, etc.)
 - Practice contributions can include breadth and / or depth of practice activities, innovations in service delivery locally and contributes to diversity, and / or other notable contributions (does not include personal business initiatives)
- Building awareness of IACP and its operations within the Region
- A member who has given significant voluntary time to IACP Committee work and / or general Counselling and Psychotherapy advocacy
- A member who makes contributions to increasing awareness of standards of Counselling and Psychotherapy within the Region

Other Information

Nominations can be put forward in all cases by either a current Regional Committee or by the Board of Directors. No self-nominations will be accepted.

Multiple submissions for the same individual will not be reviewed unless substantial new information is included in the subsequent nomination.

If the nominated person is successful, they will receive the IACP Regional Award to be kept in perpetuity. Once successful the nominee is ineligible to be nominated for any further award for a period of three years.

No member of an IACP Regional committee will be eligible to receive the award while serving their term.

Only one nominee will be awarded from each region in any one year.

Each regional award recipient will receive a complimentary conference ticket to attend the award ceremony.

The IACP Public Inspiration Award

Award Criteria

The IACP Public Inspiration Award aims to recognise a person who meets one, or more, of the following criteria:

- An individual who seeks to promote the profession of Counselling and Psychotherapy in Ireland.
- An individual who campaigns for greater access to Counselling and Psychotherapy/speaks publicly about the benefits and value of Counselling and Psychotherapy and draws attention to the positive work of IACP Members.
- An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the development of Counselling and Psychotherapy supports, for example via charitable organisations.
- An individual who raises awareness of IACP and its operations.
- An individual who has lobbied Government for increased access to Counselling and Psychotherapy services.

Nomination and Selection Process

Nominations can be put forward in all cases by an IACP Committee. Only one nomination per Committee will be accepted.

This is a public award and therefore the award will not apply to IACP Members, past or current. The award will also not apply to Counsellors and Psychotherapists who are not IACP Members, for example members of another Accrediting Body.

An awards panel (Up to five IACP members nominated by the Board of Directors) will be selected to review the nominations submitted. This panel's decision will be confidential and final.

The award will be presented to the recipient during the Awards Ceremony which will form part of the Annual Conference.

The successful recipient will receive a complimentary conference ticket to attend the award ceremony.

The IACP Research Bursary Award

The Research Bursary of €3,500 will be awarded to an IACP Member carrying out Doctoral Research (PhD / Professional Doctorate) which is deemed to be relevant to IACP's strategic aims – promoting research in the counselling/psychotherapy professions.

The Research Bursary is to help to cover the direct research expenses involved in the carrying out and completion of doctoral research (such as materials and equipment costs; software and hardware critical for the research; archival research costs; reasonable travel and conference costs pertinent to the research; publishing and write-up costs).

IACP members who are currently registered and carrying out Doctoral Research can apply for this Bursary. Applicants will be expected to provide:

- A 500-word proposal about their research, detailing progress to date and the trajectory for completion. The proposal should include: the aims of the research; the methodology; the proposed contribution to the field of counselling/psychotherapy, plans for dissemination and how an IACP research bursary would help with completion
- Ethical Approval from the appropriate academic body
- CV of the applicant

Additional Information and Terms and Conditions:

- The IACP website will host information about the Bursary and the successful applicant's research details
- The successful applicant will be expected to provide details of the expenses they encounter during the course of their research that are covered by the bursary
- The successful applicant will be expected to submit an annual report to update the IACP on their progress until project completion
- The successful applicant will be expected to cite the support of the IACP on any publications arising out of their doctoral research
- The successful applicant will be expected to submit an article based on their research findings to the Irish Journal of Counselling and Psychotherapy, within one year of project completion
- The IACP will not take responsibility for promotion, recruitment or dissemination of the research or commit to any other action other than listed above
- The successful applicant will be offered the opportunity for their image and short biography to be used in IACP communications/publications

Applications will be reviewed and adjudicated on by the Research Committee and recommended for approval to the Board of Directors. The successful recipient will receive a complimentary conference ticket to attend the award ceremony.

Research Excellence Award 2023

The Research Excellence Award recognises an excellent / outstanding piece of completed research that contributes to the field of counselling / psychotherapy.

This is an acknowledgement award (non-remunerative) for research excellence.

Application requirements:

Any member who has had a research paper published in a peer-reviewed Journal within the last five years [including the IJCP] can apply themselves or can be nominated by another member.

Applicants must submit their name, the abstract from the publication [maximum of 250 words], the details of the Journal the paper is published in and a summary of the contribution to the field of counselling/psychotherapy [maximum of 250 words] to IACP Research Lead Dr Ellen Kelly (research@iacp.ie) with the subject line IACP Research Excellence Award.

Applications will be reviewed and adjudicated on by the Research Committee and recommended for approval to the Board of Directors.

A presentation will be made at the IACP Conference. The successful recipient will receive a complimentary conference ticket to attend the award ceremony.

The award winner will be offered the opportunity for their image and short biography to be used in IACP communications / publications.

Policy Reviews to be Carried out at least every 3 years.

Review Date	Signed	Signed	Date
September 2016	Eugene McHugh	Sheila Haskins	11/08/2016
May 2018	Carol Murray	Lisa Molloy	30/05/2018
March 2020	Carol Murray	Lisa Molloy	07/04/2020
March 2023	Carol Murray	Lisa Molloy	31/03/2023
March 2026			