

SWIRLS Best Higher Degree by Research Student Publication 2023

This annual award celebrates the scholarship of HDR students in SWIRLS and their contribution to high quality research that informs social work theory, policy and practice.

Eligibility

The first author of the publication must be a Flinders University student, who has not previously won the award, and who meets the following conditions:

- The student must currently be enrolled in a Higher Degree by Research at Flinders University and in the College of Education, Psychology and Social Work or, if in any other College, be a member of SWIRLS or supervised by a member of SWIRLS
- The publication must be published in the current year or year before, and must have Flinders University as the author's affiliation
- Peer reviewed journal articles, refereed conference papers, book chapters only (not reviews) and books will be accepted
- The student must only submit one publication for an award each year



Submission

Applicants should submit the following for review:

- Copy of the publication
- The Year and Month the research output was published
- A justification of why the publication is important, with an attention to implications for social work theory, policy or practice
- Number of citations
- Impact factor of the journal or refereed conference paper
- Ranking of the journal in their field
- For multi-authored publications, the relative contribution of each of the authors to the publication (% for the following components: research design; data collection and analysis; and writing and editing)
- A letter of support from the Supervisor that includes additional evidence about the importance of the publication specific to the field of study

Procedure

- The submission deadline for SWIRLS Best Higher Degree by Research Student Publication is Friday 14th July 2023
- Submissions via e-mail to swirls@flinders.edu.au
- The winner will be announced at a SWIRLS Best Higher Degree by Research Student Publication announcement event, to be held in mid-September 2023 (date and location to be confirmed early 2023)

Recipients of the award will:

- Receive \$100 cash and a certificate
- Be profiled in the SWIRLS Newsletter
- Write a short blog summarising the key findings from their paper for the SWIRLS website
- Be supported to apply for the University Best Higher Degree by Research Student Publication prize
- Join the judging panel for the subsequent year's award

Judging Criteria

- Does the publication make a significant original contribution to social work theory, policy or practice?
- Are methodology, research, evidence, and conclusions used appropriately and described clearly?
- Is the writing of high quality and the publication well presented?
- Is the publication in a quality journal, book or equivalent?

Judging Panel

The panel of judges for the award will include:

- Dr Ben Lohmeyer (or SWIRLS full member delegate) - Chair
- SWIRLS Director – Panel
- SWIRLS Member (Full or Associate) – Panel

