



Call for 2021-2025 ISSP Awards Nominations

We are now calling for 2021-2025 ISSP Awards Nominations. The ISSP Awards are presented to outstanding scholars and practitioners in acknowledgement of their significant contributions to the area of sport and/or exercise psychology. The ISSP has four categories of awards, they are: The ISSP Distinguished International Sport Psychologist Award, The ISSP Honor Award, The ISSP Developing Scholar Award, and The ISSP Developing Practitioner Award. The Award recipients can be nominated by any ISSP member. The ISSP members who are willing to nominate an award candidate are recommended to carefully read the Award Description and Criteria as below and follow the nomination procedure. The completed nomination letter and other references for ISSP Awards could be submitted electronically through the ISSP website or to the chair of the ISSP Award Committee (Dr. Gangyan Si; gangyans@hksi.org.hk). The submission deadline of all nominations is February 28, 2025. Thank you!



ISSP AWARDS DESCRIPTION and CRITERIA

| | ISSP DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL SPORT PSYCHOLOGIST AWARD | ISSP HONOR AWARD | | ISSP DEVELOPING PRACTITIONER AWARD |
|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| | Approved by the ISSP Managing Council, September, 1991; Revised by the ISSP Managing Council, 1998 and 2004 | | | Approved by the ISSP Managing Council, April, |
| | ISSP developing Scholar Award has been revis | ISSP developing Scholar Award has been revised by the ISSP Managing Council, April 2015 | | |
| Description | The ISSP Distinguished International Sport | The ISSP Honor Award is presented in | The ISSP Developing Scholar Award is | The ISSP Developing Practitioner Award is |
| of Award | Psychologist Award is the highest award given | recognition of significant contribution to | presented to developing sport psychologists | presented to early career sport and exercise |
| | by the ISSP. This award is given in recognition | national and international sport | in acknowledgement of their contributions to | psychology practitioners in acknowledgement |
| | of outstanding and distinguished, long term, | psychology through leadership, research, | excellence in research and scholarly activity. | of their contributions to excellence in the |
| | original contributions to the advancement of | and/or other professional service. | | applied work and promotion of sport and/or |
| | sport psychology. | | | exercise psychology. |
| Award | Award recipients should: | Award recipients should: | Award recipients should: | Award recipient should: |
| Criteria | 1. Have made substantial and original | 1. Hold a doctorate degree (or its | 1. Be the ISSP member during for at least | 1. Be the ISSP member during for at least two |
| | contributions to research through | equivalent) for a least 10 years standing; | two consecutive years before the | consecutive years before the nomination; and |
| | peer-reviewed publications, articles in | and/or | nomination; and | |
| | professional journals, books, and conference | | | 2. Be a practitioner certified by one relevant |
| | presentations, over a significant period of | 2. Have published extensively in | 2. Have received a doctorate within the last | national/international organization; and |
| | time; and | recognised sport psychology journals; | 7 years in a specialisation related to sport | |
| | | and/or | psychology; and | 3. Be a sport and/or exercise psychology |
| | 2. Be recognised for their academic and | | | practitioner with no more than 7 years of |
| | professional leadership in sport psychology at | 3. Have made a significant contribution in | 3. Have made significant scholarly | applied experiences in the background; and |
| | the highest level over a significant period of | the areas of professional practice over at | contributions to sport psychology | |

| | time. | least a 10 year period; and/or | | 4. Have at least a master's degree in sport |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | and/or exercise psychology or relevant; and |
| | | 4. Have provided significant service to | | |
| | | national and international professional | | 5. Have a successful record of working with |
| | | societies over a period of at least 10 | | clients supported by recommendation letters |
| | | years. | | from supervisors/mentors and clients; and |
| | | | | |
| | | | | 6. Be involved in applied research and have |
| | | | | international publications sharing his/her |
| | | | | experiences in applied sport and exercise |
| | | | | psychology. |
| Nature of | Award recipients receive: | Award recipients receive: | Award recipients receive: | Award recipients receive: |
| Award | 1. A commemorative plaque | 1. A commemorative plaque | 1. A commemorative plaque | 1. A commemorative plaque |
| | | | | |
| | 2. A lifetime honorary ISSP membership | 2. The Award will be formally presented at | 2. An invitation to present their research and | 2. An invitation to present their applied |
| | | the General Assembly at the World | scholarly work at the special session at the | experiences at the special session at the next |
| | 3. Waived registration fees at all ISSP World | Congress of Sport Psychology, although | next World ISSP Congress of Sport | World ISSP Congress of Sport Psychology |
| | Congresses | recipients will be announced annually | Psychology | |
| | | | | 3. Free registration at the Congress where the |
| | | 3. Free registration at the Congress where | 3. Free registration at the Congress where | Award will be given |
| | | the Award will be given | the Award will be given | |
| Procedure | 1. Read ISSP award nomination guidelines | 1. Read ISSP award nomination | 1. Read ISSP award nomination guidelines. | 1. The Award recipients can be nominated by |
| | | guidelines | For this award, also discuss how the | any ISSP member |
| | 2. Complete the "Call for Nomination" Form | | nominee's research has been integrated | |
| | for ISSP Awards and submit it electronically | 2. Complete the "Call for Nomination" | around a theme, the significance and | 2. The ISSP members who are willing to |
| | through the ISSP website | Form for ISSP Awards and submit it | potential impact of his/her work, and future | nominate an early career practitioner are |
| | | electronically through the ISSP website | scholarly work. | recommended to carefully read the Award |

| 3. Nominations are forwarded to the Awards | | | criteria and the following nomination |
|---|--|---|--|
| Committee of the ISSP Managing Council | 3. Nominations are forwarded to the | 2. Complete the "Call for Nomination" Form | guidelines |
| (MC), who then makes a recommendation to | Awards Committee of the ISSP Managing | for ISSP Awards and submit it electronically | |
| the MC. | Council (MC), who then makes a | through the ISSP website. | 3. To nominate the "Call for Nomination" Form |
| | recommendation to the MC. | | for the ISSP Developing Practitioner Award |
| 4. Nominations and recommendations are | | 3. Provide three (3) letters of reference, | should be completed and submitted |
| discussed at each annual ISSP MC meeting | 4. Nominations and recommendations are | preferably from distinguished scholars | electronically through the ISSP web-site |
| and award recipients are determined through | discussed at each annual ISSP MC | | |
| voting. | meeting and award recipients are | 4. Nominations are forwarded to the Awards | 4. In addition, the nominee's full CV, two |
| | determined through voting. | Committee of the ISSP Managing Council | letters of reference from the two nominee's |
| 5. Award recipients are announced at the | | (MC), who then makes a recommendation to | supervisors/mentors and one letter from the |
| ISSP quadrennial World Congress. | 5. Award recipients are announced at the | the MC. | nominee's client (if relevant: in national |
| | ISSP quadrennial World Congress. | | language and also in English translation) and |
| 6. Due to the high prestige of this award, it is | | 5. Nominations and recommendations are | should be provided to the chair of the ISSP |
| not necessarily given at every World | | discussed at each annual ISSP MC meeting | Award Committee (currently - Dr. Gangyan |
| Congress. | | and award recipients are determined | Si; <gangyans@hksi.org.hk>)</gangyans@hksi.org.hk> |
| | | through voting. | |
| 7. Nominees who do not receive this award | | | 5. The Awards Committee of the ISSP |
| are automatically nominated for the ISSP | | 6. Award recipients (maximum of 4) are | Managing Council (MC) considers the |
| Honor Award. Recipients of this latter award | | announced at the ISSP quadrennial World | nomination documentation in relation to the |
| are determined at the same MC meeting. | | Congress. | set of the Award criteria and makes a |
| | | | recommendation to the MC |
| | | 7. Recipients may receive financial support | |
| | | for attending the World Congress and | 6. Nominations and recommendations are |
| | | expected to present their research at the | discussed at the ISSP MC meeting one year |
| | | congress. | before the World ISSP Congress, where the |
| | | | Award recipients will be publically |

| | | acknowledged. Decision is made by a simple |
|--|--|---|
| | | majority of the MC members' votes based on |
| | | consideration of the quality of nomination |
| | | documents. One or maximum two nominees |
| | | (in the case that the first two are equally |
| | | strong candidates) who receive more votes |
| | | become the ISSP Developing Practitioner |
| | | Award winners |
| | | |
| | | 7. The Award recipients are publically |
| | | announced during the ISSP quadrennial World |
| | | Congress where they will be publically |
| | | acknowledged, receive the commemorative |
| | | plaque, and contribute with a presentation at |
| | | the special Congress session (see also Nature |
| | | of Award above) |
| | | |