**AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE ON PERSONALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES - OUTSTANDING PhD THESIS AWARD -**

The Australian Conference on Personality and Individual Differences (ACPID) - Outstanding PhD Thesis Award is an annual award given to the research thesis that makes the greatest contribution to the field. This is a highly competitive award, with winners chosen by a panel of experts.

The award consists of:

1. One year membership of the Personality and Individual Differences Interest Group;

2. The conference registration cost for the following year’s ACPID conference;

3. A one year membership to the International Society for the Study of Individual Differences (ISSID), and

4. A formal certificate recognizing the importance of the work.

The judges will base their decision on the written application, the supervisor’s written recommendation, and the presentation given at the annual ACPID conference. The judging panel will be made up of the executive committee of the interest group plus one other senior personality and individual differences researcher nominated by the committee. Any judging panel member who is the supervisor of an applicant will absent themselves from the judging process.

**Award Eligibility:**

1. To be eligible for the award the applicant must have worked on a research topic falling within the area of Personality and Individual Differences at an Australian university.

2. The applicant’s PhD thesis must have been passed within the year of the award. A thesis passed after the award’s submission date is eligible to apply the following year.

3. The applicant must be registered for the annual Australian Conference on Personality and Individual Differences.

4. The applicant must be available to present their research at the annual Australian Conference on Personality and Individual Differences.

**How to Apply:**

Applicants should complete the form below, which asks for personal details including a short biography along with a copy of the thesis abstract, and short abstract for inclusion in the conference program. Applications should be submitted electronically to the Personality and Individual Difference Interest Group Convenor (miles.bore@newcastle.edu.au). Applications must be submitted by the 1st November, 2016. Any applicants who fail to register one week prior to the first day of the conference will forfeit consideration for the award.

The Selection Process occurs in several stages:

1. Applications are vetted for complying with the award eligibility criteria.

2. Applicants are informed as to whether they qualify for the award, and are given a date and time to present their work at the ACPID conference. Depending on the number of applications, a session solely dedicated to these presentations may be organized within the conference program.

3. The final decision will be based on the written application, supervisor’s written recommendation, the verbal presentation, and the contribution the work makes to the field.

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**APPLICATION FORM**

**Must be received no later than 1st November, 2016**

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| **1. Personal Details** |

Surname: ……………………………………………… Given Name: ………………………………………………

Email Address: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Telephone: ………………………………......................................................................................

Address: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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University Affiliation: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Date Thesis was submitted for Examination: ……………………………………………………………………….

Date Degree was accepted as passed: ……………………………………………………………………………….

Short Biography: (100 words max)

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| **2. Information about your Research Project** |

Thesis Title: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Thesis Abstract: (no word limit)

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Short Abstract for inclusion in Conference Program: (200 words max).

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Applicant’s Signature: …………………………………….……………… Date: …………………………………………

Once you have completed Sections 1 and 2, please pass on the application to your supervisor for their recommendation before emailing it to miles.bore@newcastle.edu.au.

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| **3. Supervisor Recommendation** |

Supervisor Recommendation: (no word limit)

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Supervisor’s Signature: …………………………………….……………… Date: …………………………………