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PsySon

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH ON
PSYCHOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN
SPIRITUALITY

**DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES FOR
PARTICIPATION**



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**“Promoting a
genuinely
Christian
approach to
mental health”**

PsySon's Mission

PsySon Award for Excellence in Research on Psychology and Christian Spirituality



*PsySon's mission is to promote a genuinely Christian approach to mental health. In alignment with this mission, the **PsySon Award** seeks to recognize and encourage excellence in research focused on themes of Psychology and Spirituality within a Christian perspective.*

This document provides details about the award description and the guidelines for participation.

ABOUT THE AWARD

*The **PsySon Award** was created with the purpose of honoring and promoting research that integrates Psychology and Spirituality within a Christian perspective.*

We aim to recognize students who, among the many possible topics for their theses or final projects, choose to contribute to the development of this field. Whether through theoretical research, empirical studies, or applied projects, we seek to reward those endeavors that, from any of these approaches, deepen the comprehensive understanding of the human being by considering both psychological and spiritual dimensions.



Guidelines

1. ELIGIBILITY

Institutions | Candidates | Projects

2. RESEARCH CATEGORIES

Theoretical Contributions | Basic
Contributions | Applied
Contributions

3. APPLICATION PROCESS

Abstract | Final Work | Advisor's Letter |
Certificate of Completion

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Originality | Methodological Rigor |
Contribution to the Field

5. AWARD

Awarding | Announcement | Publication



01. ELIGIBILITY

Candidates are required to meet the following criteria to apply:



Institutions

Students from any academic institution with an agreement with PsySon regarding the award (see list) may participate.



Candidates

Students in the final year of a Psychology degree who present final academic projects for graduation (such as theses, final projects, or equivalent research) are eligible to apply.



Projects

Submitted projects must address topics related to the integration of Psychology and Spirituality from a Christian perspective. Additionally, they must have been evaluated or defended within the last year prior to the application.

02. RESEARCH CATEGORIES

The thesis or final undergraduate project submitted must align with one of the following research categories.

Theoretical Contributions



Studies that present conceptual analyses, state-of-the-art reviews, or systematic reviews on variables related to Psychology and Spirituality from a Christian perspective.

Basic Contributions



Research that contributes to the development of basic psychology through a solid methodological design, such as studies focused on the adaptation and validation of instruments, the analysis of relationships between variables, or the performance of meta-analyses.

Applied Contributions



Projects that transfer theoretical knowledge to practical contexts, considering the interaction between mental health and spirituality from a Christian worldview.

Compliance with ethical requirements will be mandatory if the study involves the participation of human subjects.



03. APPLICATION PROCESS

Required Documents

Candidates must send the following documents to the email educacion@psyson.org:

- 1 Abstract**

A summary of up to 700 words that includes the objectives, methodology, and contributions of the research (suggested divisions for the abstract: introduction, methodology, results, and conclusions; in some cases, these divisions may not apply).
- 2 Final Work**

The comprehensive final research project, which may include theses, undergraduate final projects, applied projects, or equivalent research.
- 3 Advisor's Letter**

A letter from the advisor or supervisor of the academic project that mentions the work completed and the grade received. This letter, signed by the advisor, must be submitted by the candidate as part of their application.
- 4 Certificate**

A document certifying that the candidate has completed or is close to completing their studies, along with confirmation of their attendance at the upcoming graduation ceremony.

04. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each project will be reviewed by three evaluators: one PsySon member and two external jurors specialized in research, taking into account the specific characteristics of the submitted work. Evaluations will focus on each study's merits without direct comparisons. The main aspects to be assessed include:



Originality

Research that addresses original themes and offers new perspectives, whether theoretical or practical, contributing to the development of the integration between Psychology and Spirituality within a Christian perspective.



Study Design

Projects should exhibit a robust study design, with a clear methodological approach and data analysis consistent with the objectives. For theoretical research, the depth and coherence of the development, as well as the use of current and relevant bibliographies, will be evaluated.



Contribution to the Field

The potential impact of the project in the academic and professional fields will be considered, along with its ability to generate new ideas, influence practice, and promote advances in the research line of Psychology and Spirituality within a Christian perspective.

05. AWARD

Three awards will be given based on the selection of the best research projects submitted in the call for applications.

Awarding



The award includes a recognition certificate, a financial award amounting to \$400, and a scholarship for PsySon's Professional Certification in Christian Patient Care, currently valued at \$400.

Announcement



The award winners will be announced during the graduation ceremonies of the universities to which the applicants belong, in coordination with the respective institutions.

Publication



Awardees will be formally recognized, and their research will be promoted and shared through PsySon's official platform and networks, enabling their work to gain greater visibility within the academic and professional community and providing opportunities to expand their professional networks.

