**Best Bachelor thesis procedure 2020**

**Description**

BAPS biannually sponsors an award for the Best Bachelor Thesis in Psychology [discontinued in 2020, so the 2020 award was the final BA thesis award]. The purpose of the award is to recognize bachelor theses which use a scientific approach and make an original contribution to any field in psychology (clinical, social, cognitive, modelling, developmental, industrial, etc.). The winner of the Best Bachelor Thesis Award receives €500.

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Candidates must have a Bachelor degree in psychology delivered by a Belgian University College. The degree must be obtained in the two academic years that precede the award year (e.g., to enter the 2020 competition, the thesis must have been completed during the 2017-2018 or 2018-2019 academic year) and the thesis must have been awarded a grade of at least 16/20. Furthermore, candidates must be members of BAPS (or have applied to become a member before the submission deadline).

**Procedure**

Candidates must submit an electronic abstract of the thesis. The abstract should be written in English and should not exceed 2000 words. Candidates are allowed to include a maximum of 3 tables or figures (these are not included in the word count). The abstract should clearly convey the theoretical basis of the work, the methods, the main results, a discussion of the main findings, and the references cited in the abstract. Up to 3 keywords specifying the domain of the thesis should be provided. Candidates should also clearly state their name, address, telephone number and e-mail, and provide the names of their institution and their supervisor.

**Procedure for the Executive Committee**

Upon reception of the application, each candidate received a confirmation of receipt. One member of the EC checked candidates’ eligibility. Then, the evaluation followed a two-step procedure. As a first step, each application was evaluated on the basis of the summary of the thesis by three members of the BAPS executive committee chosen for (1) the relevance of their fields of expertise (2) among members that do not belong to the same university as the candidate. Based on this evaluation, 2 theses were shortlisted.

As a second step, the full thesis of shortlisted candidates was evaluated by a jury composed of members of the National committee for psychology at RASAB (ROYAL ACADEMIES FOR SCIENCE AND THE ARTS OF BELGIUM).

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