

Social Policy & Administration Prize for Early Stage Career Researcher

Social Policy & Administration is pleased to offer a prize for the best paper published in the journal by an Early Stage Career Researcher. The prize will be £500, plus a year's free subscription to *Social Policy and Administration*. The purpose of the prize is to encourage submissions of papers by Early Stage Career Researchers to *Social Policy & Administration*.

Eligibility for the prize

At the time of submitting the paper, the author must be EITHER

- 1) engaged in full or part-time postgraduate research, or
- 2) within three years of completing their postgraduate research, or
- 3) within three years of starting their first research or teaching appointment

Papers should be sole authored; or the entrant must be the lead (i.e. the first-named) author in the case of multi-authored papers.

Procedure

All authors who wish to be considered for the prize should state this in the covering letter that accompanies their submission, and should specify which of the eligibility criteria they fulfill.

Award of the Prize

All eligible papers submitted in a calendar year will be considered for the prize to be awarded in the following year, which will be presented at the Social Policy Association Annual Conference (e.g. all papers submitted in 2010 will be eligible for the award presented at the 2011 SPA Conference). Papers submitted late in the calendar year that are not accepted in time to be eligible for the following year's award will be held over until the year following that (e.g. for the 2012 award). All eligible accepted papers will be read by the Editors and, if necessary, entered onto a shortlist which will be read by a group of members of the Editorial Board.