



JUSTICE TRENDS & IPS Best Research Award 2020

“João Baltasar”



Regulation

1. Description

JUSTICE TRENDS and IPS_Innovative Prison Systems (QUALIFY JUST IT Solutions and Consulting) are willing to recognize the merit of M.A., M.Phil., M.B.A. and PhD graduates or academic researchers through the attribution of an award. The latter is to be **given to the best thesis or research paper that enters the contest.**

The JUSTICE TRENDS & IPS Best Research Award 2020 “João Baltasar” consists in:

- a) a full even registration to the annual ICPA Conference (www.icpa.org).
[This prize is worth \$975,00 and it includes the conference kit, access to all sessions and workshops, lunches and refreshments, welcome and host reception events, attendance at their exclusive Correctional Excellence Awards dinner and gala, prison and facility tours (subject to availability), and one year of full membership of ICPA - International Corrections and Prisons Association].
- b) The dissemination of the winning research (be it thesis or paper) in the corrections and probation community that JUSTICE TRENDS and IPS_Innovative



Prison Systems have access to through their website, social media, newsletter, email, etc;

c) Award Certificate.

The award aims at contributing to the correctional and probation systems advancement in either one of the following broad disciplinary areas:

- Arts and Humanities (including Law, History and Philosophy);
- Biological and Medical Sciences;
- Physical Sciences and Engineering;
- Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Education.

The award aims to cover projects targeting either correctional or probation issues, for instance:

- minors and juveniles education and reinsertion;
- risk assessment of offenders and ex-offenders;
- inmates' reintegration;
- community sanctions and measures;
- relation between inmates, family and community;
- impact of prison in offenders family and children;
- prison work and industries;
- relation with employers;
- mentally illness and aging in prisons;
- suicide prevention;
- ICT for prisons and probation;
- e-health in prisons;
- learning technologies for inmates and staff training;
- the use of games, virtual or augmented reality and new learning methods in correctional settings;
- biometric recognition
- public-private partnerships in Justice;
- and any other relevant themes related to prisons or probation.

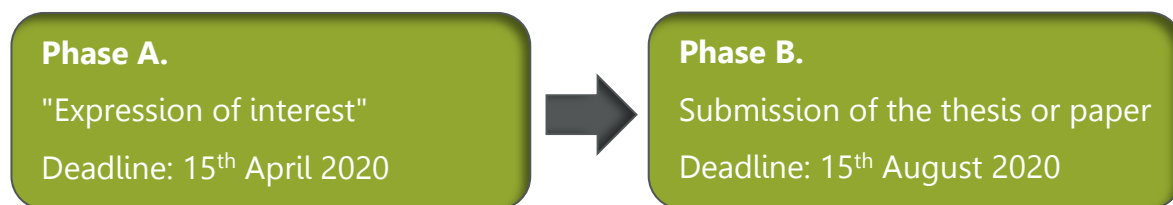


2. Eligibility

- a) Current and former students (including prison and probation staff) who have been awarded a M.A., M.Ph., M.B.A. or PhD, or who will have successfully defended and officially submitted their theses, between July 1st 2018 and September 15th 2020, will be eligible to be nominated.
- b) Academic researchers affiliated with a university or university research centers;
- c) Practitioners working in prison and probation services or NGO's holding a M.A., M.Ph., M.B.A. or PhD degree.

3. Application procedure

In order to apply, candidates shall follow a two-phase process:



Phase A. "Expression of Interest"

1) Electronic submission is due at ips@prisonsystems.eu by 12:00 (noon) of 15th April 2020. Confirmation of receipt will be sent by email. No paper copy will be required.

IMPORTANT: The electronic submission should have the matching email subject line and PDF document name: "IPS2020Award_ReasearchField_Lastname_Firstname."

Example: Email Subject Line: IPS2020Award_Public Policies_Neagoe_Anthony PDF
Attachment: IPS2020Award_PublicPolicies_Neagoe_Anthony.pdf

2) The PDF attachment must comprehend all the required support-documentation, indicated in the list below:

1. Expression of interest letter;
2. Brief (2-page) Curriculum Vitae (please highlight the major academic and professional milestones, and list any honors and publications);



3. Specific for the candidates who will be submitting a thesis:

A letter of recommendation from their thesis advisor (only applicable to graduate theses), referring to:

- the originality and importance of research;
- the potential of the contribution to the field of knowledge;
- the candidate's comparative publication record and the quality of the journals;
- any other excellence indicators, e.g., discoveries, unique theories, inventions, creative products, patents, publications, book publication offers, etc.

4. Specific for the candidates who will be submitting a paper (academic researchers affiliated with higher education institutions or research centers)

A short description of the paper that explains:

- the originality and importance of research;
- the potential for significant contribution to the field;
- the candidate's comparative publication record and the quality of the journals;
- any other excellence indicators, e.g., discoveries, unique theories, inventions, creative products, patents, publications, book publication offers, job offers, professional organization honors, etc.

5. Summary of the research output (be it a thesis or a paper) where the candidate explains the significance of the research (maximum of 1 page, 12pt, double space);

6. A description of the thesis / research paper and its conclusions, not to exceed 10 (ten) double-spaced, numbered pages (in font size no smaller than 12 points), written by the candidate, with each page bearing the candidate's name; in addition, appendices containing non-textual material, such as charts or tables, may be included.

7) Until May 2nd 2020, the selected applicants who had sent their "Expression of Interest" will be invited to submit their thesis or research paper;



Phase B. Submission of the thesis or paper

- 1) Electronic submission is due at ips@prisonsystems.eu by 12:00 (noon) of August 15th 2020.
- 2) Confirmation of receipt will be sent by email. No paper copy will be required.

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4. Selection and announcement

- The winner from will be chosen by a group of experts from the broad disciplinary area. Both substantive quality and methodology will be judged.
- The selection will be based on the originality and importance of the research, and the potential for the student/researcher to make an unusually significant contribution to the discipline.
- The results of selection will be communicated to participants until **October 20th 2020**.
- The award will be delivered by email and the award certificate will be sent by post to the address that the winner indicates.
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