

Taylor and Francis Prize for the Best Paper by a New Researcher

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The Student Experience

Applications are invited for the Taylor and Francis prize associated with the 2009 HERDSA Conference. The purpose of the award is to foster original research by encouraging new and less experienced researchers. A prize of \$1000 will be awarded to the paper written by a new researcher or new researchers which, in the opinion of a panel of experts, makes a significant contribution to research in the field of tertiary education.

To be eligible for this award, the paper must:

- report on/discuss original research work related to teaching and learning in tertiary education
- be accepted for presentation at the HERDSA 2009 conference
- be written and presented at the conference by a new researcher or new researchers

For the purposes of this award, a new researcher is someone who has not previously published in the tertiary education literature. Student researchers are particularly encouraged to apply. While joint papers will be welcomed, to be eligible for the award, all authors must be new researchers in the field.

Criteria

The criteria for judging the award are as follows:

1. The paper makes a significant contribution to research in tertiary education
2. The paper is well written in an appropriate style
3. The aims and purpose of the paper and the research which is reported, are clearly stated
4. Methods of investigation or evaluation are specified and justified
5. The paper includes an analysis of findings
6. The argument is clear and logical
7. Implications of the research are clearly drawn
8. The paper is appropriately referenced
9. There is adequate coverage of existing knowledge showing how the work fits in with the literature
10. The paper conforms to the word length specified by the conference organisers

Method of application

Applicants are required to submit the following, by 20 February 2009.

- The full paper to be presented (abstracts and proposals are not acceptable). The paper should conform to the guidelines for the presentation of HERDSA conference papers
- Indicating on the submissions page for presentations that the paper is to be considered for the award.
- Details of names and addresses of two people who are prepared to sponsor the applicant(s) by providing statements of authenticity of new researcher status

Judges

A panel of judges will be drawn from a list of key researchers, drawn up by the HERDSA Executive. The Executive reserves the right not to make the award in the event of there being no suitable applicants.