

Awards of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Addictions (ISSBA)

The International Society for the Study of Behavioral Addictions (ISSBA) establishes three awards to acknowledge scientific excellence and significant contributions to the development of the field of behavioral addictions. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* is intended to be awarded to senior researchers to acknowledge their lifelong contribution to the scientific research of non-substance-related addictive disorders. The *Early Career Researcher Award* will be awarded to junior colleagues within 5 years of receiving their terminal degree for their significant contributions to and impact on the academic study of behavioral addictions. The *Great Achievement Award* will be awarded, regardless of the career phase, to individuals who have performed transformative and innovative contributions that significantly impacted the study of behavioral addictions. The ISSBA values diversity and inclusivity among its membership in general and strongly welcomes nominations for women, persons with disabilities, persons from underrepresented minority groups, and others who presently or historically have faced prejudice or disadvantage.

Nomination

- Nominations may be submitted by any ISSBA member.
- All nominations must be submitted electronically via a link provided by the ISSBA secretariat and upon the call of the ISSBA Board.
- Self-nominations are not accepted.
- Nomination doesn't require an independent relationship between the nominee and the nominator (they can work for the same organization or even be direct collaborators).
- The submission may comprehensively describe the nominee's outstanding contributions justifying the nomination (400-800 words) and also provide a brief summary (Max: 60 words) highlighting the most significant and impactful scientific contributions. These summaries should reflect the specific description of the award.
- The submission must include the names of 2-5 supporters of the nomination in the case of the *Lifetime Achievement Award* and the *Great Achievement Award* and 1-2 supporters in the case of the *Early Career Researcher Award*. Supporters may have a close working relationship with the nominee, however, it is recommended to include independent supporters as well. Apart from the 400-800-word nomination (see the point above), no additional supporting letters are required from the supporters.

Selection procedure

Nominations will be received by the ISSBA secretariat and prepared for the decision procedure. The award winners shall be determined by the *Evaluation Committee* by secret voting. The *Evaluation Committee* will consist of the ISSBA Board Members and the members of the Supervisory Committee. The meeting of the *Evaluation Committee* will be quorate if more than 50% of the members are present. Each award is given to one individual each year, but the *Evaluation Committee* can also decide not to award it in a given year. Members of the *Evaluation Committee* nominated for the certain award will not participate in the decision process. Both quantitative and qualitative indicators of the scientific output and impact will be considered in the evaluation of the nominations.

The Award

- The awarded person will be invited to present a keynote talk on their work at the next ICBA conference.
- The Award does not include any financial endowment. However, the registration fee and participation costs (travel and accommodation) related to the ICBA conference following the receipt of the award are to be covered by the ISSBA.

1. Lifetime Achievement Award for the Study of Behavioral Addictions

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* is established to honor a single individual for their lifetime contribution to the study of behavioral addictions. The Award can be given to individuals who have had outstanding contributions to and a lasting impact on the study of behavioral addictions over the course of their careers (minimum 25 years), demonstrating a lifetime commitment to the field. The award cannot be granted posthumously.

2. Early Career Researcher Award for the Study of Behavioral Addictions

The *Early Career Researcher Award* is established to honor a single individual for their significant contribution to the study of behavioral addictions. The Award can be given to individuals who have had significant contributions to and impact on the academic study of behavioral addictions. The Early Career Researcher Award may only be conferred upon nominees within 5 years of receiving a doctoral degree (Ph.D. or equivalent) at the time of the closing date for nominations (excluding those who had already had an established research career prior to starting their PhD). Career disruptions are to be considered (A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption to the ability to work as a result of illness, maternity/paternity leave, or other significant carer's duties.).

3. Great Achievement Award for the Study of Behavioral Addictions

The *Great Achievement Award* is established to honor a single individual for their continuous outstanding contributions to the study of behavioral addictions. The Award can be given to individuals whose academic results had a transformative and innovative impact on the development of the field of behavioral addictions.