IAPSP EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

“...the biggest highlight of 2018, personally and professionally...a tremendous learning opportunity and fun experience... I came away with the feeling that I had found a community I could relate to and continue to engage with on many levels.”
-R.E., 2019 ECP award winner.

The International Association for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology (IAPSP) is pleased to announce our fifth year of opportunities for individuals in psychoanalytic and psychotherapy training as well as graduate students in Psychology, Psychiatry, Social Work, Counseling, Psychiatric Nursing and other mental health disciplines. Also eligible to apply are those who have completed graduate school or training programs within the past 5 years. Applicants should have a strong interest in Self Psychology and Intersubjective Systems Theory and wish to learn more about these psychoanalytic/psychotherapeutic theories and to participate in their advancement and proliferation.

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS will be awarded (1) complimentary registration at an IAPSP annual conference; (2) $750.00 for expenses related to attending the conference*; (3) attendance at the Kohut Memorial lecture, (4) a 1-year subscription to IAPSP’s Journal, Psychoanalysis, Self and Context; (5) Monthly meetings (via phone or Skype) with an experienced IAPSP member during their Early Career Scholar year; (6) Early Career Professionals will become members of IAPSP for that scholarship year and will be entitled to participate in all “members only” activities. *Early Career Professionals must attend the IAPSP conference.

Submission guidelines: Graduate students in mental health disciplines and candidates in psychoanalytic and psychotherapy training are invited to apply as well as individuals who have completed graduate school or training programs within the past five years. Send a statement (maximum one page single spaced) describing your interest in pursuing further studies in Self Psychology. Pertinent graduate level coursework, conferences, or workshops attended, and/or books or papers read are all relevant. Please attach a Curriculum Vitae. Two letters of recommendation, to be sent separately, are also required.

The letters of recommendation are important in helping us determine which of our applicants best reflect the goals of the IAPSP Early Career Professionals award. A strong letter will contain detailed information about your strengths as a person and as a clinician as well as information about how you have faced particular challenges. Please discuss the following with those you choose to write your reference:

1. How has the writer of your reference seen you develop as a psychoanalytic clinician? How does she or he see you contributing to Self Psychology and Intersubjective Theory?

2. How do you deal with challenges? Your reference should give an example of the way you've dealt with a particular struggle.

3. What have you done to warrant receiving this award? Examples may include particular work with a patient, writing that sheds new light on a problem or contributions to a specific community, etc.

4. Your reference writer should also describe you personally: What has been unique to your relationship? Are there specific incidents or actions that give insight into your relationship?

5. What personal qualities make you a thoughtful, empathic clinician and scholar?

How to apply: Please send your materials to iapsp.ecp@gmail.com. Please indicate “ECP Application” in the subject line of the e-mail. Reference letters should be sent directly to the same address with the applicant’s name in the subject line of the e-mail. Start date for receiving application is January 1st, 2020, and all applications must be received by May 1st, 2020. The announcement of winners will be July 1st, 2020.