

Lev Vygotsky Award

Introduction:

Lev Semyonovich Vygotsky (Russian: Лев Семёнович Выготский, IPA: [vɨˈɡotskʲɪj]; November 17 [O.S. November 5] 1896 – June 11, 1934) was a Soviet psychologist, the founder of an unfinished Marxist theory of human cultural and bio-social development commonly referred to as cultural-historical psychology, a prominent advocate for a "science of the Superman", a new psychological theory of consciousness, and leader of the Vygotsky Circle (also referred to as "Vygotsky-Luria Circle")

Source: Wikipedia



Vygotsky's legacy is associated with understanding of human development and learning. The terms 'zone of proximal development', 'higher mental functions', 'social situation of development', 'scaffolding', and others are included in the world psychology glossary, describing the phenomena, based on experimental and methodological analysis of childhood.



Vygotsky was in close dialogue with scientists from different countries, which made his research not only relevant for his time and allowed to see a picture of understanding childhood, upbringing and learning from various points of view, but also created a unique cultural-historical approach that combined anthropology, psychology and pedagogy.

The Vygotsky Award is aimed at recognition of merits in the field **of childhood research, popularization of scientific knowledge about childhood, education and development for the sake of education of the younger generation.**

1. Eligibility

The Award will be given to a psychologist who has made a significant contribution to:

- childhood research;
- popularization of scientific knowledge about childhood, children psychology and education;
- development of education methods for the younger generation.

2. The Selection Committee and application procedure

EFPA Executive Council decides on the composition of the Selection Committee which will be chaired by EFPA President and have a maximum of 5 members, two of whom should be recognized in the field of Child and/or Educational Psychology. Members will be invited by the Executive Council for a period of 4 years

Application procedure:

Nominations should contain the following documents:

- a letter of nomination must be signed by two nominators
- a statement as to how the nominee meets the criteria (see point 1)
- an up-to-date curriculum vitae with contact details (email address and picture in jpg format).

Selection procedure:

- Call for nomination
- Nominations to be sent to headoffice@efpa.eu

- All parties related to EFPA can nominate candidates for the award.
- Nominations will be selected according to stated criteria by the selection committee
- Decision will be made based on a vote of the members of the Selection committee.
- Deadline for nomination: **November 30, the year preceding the ECP congress**

Timeline:

- November 30: deadline for sending in nominations
- By December 31: Selection Committee screens nominations and informs decision to the EFPA EC
- January 31: EFPA EC confirms winner of the award, and institutions involved in the award are notified
- Feb 15, Winner to be notified by EFPA – Arrangements regarding awarding procedure and keynote at ECP to be arranged by ECP organisers.
- July: Award presented at the ECP Opening Ceremony and lecture of the award winner during the ECP.

Organisational matters after the selection:

- The Lev Vygotsky Award is awarded during the Opening Ceremony of the European Congress of Psychology by the President of EFPA
- The Lev Vygotsky Award Lecture will be delivered during the European Congress of Psychology.
- Arrangements for the awarding of the Prize and for the Lecture (travel, hotel, program) will be made by the organizers of each European Congress of Psychology and are mentioned in the ECP agreement.