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Student Essay Research Prize

Are you currently doing research for your degree?

Or have you recently completed a research project?

Counselling research is a developing field in an emerging discipline. Research carried out by students is part of this process. Let your colleagues share your research results and let your contribution to the evolution of our work be better known.

The Editorial Board of *Counselling and Psychotherapy Research (CPR)* and the Research Department of BACP invite submissions of an empirical research project for the **2008 Student Research Essay Prize**. The winning entry will receive **£200 worth of T&F book tokens plus £200 cash, sponsored by Taylor & Francis**.

Submissions should demonstrate the following features in describing an aspect of research in an area of counselling or psychotherapy:

- **Clarity of research aims and research question**
- **Use of methods appropriate to the research question and in a way that meets those standards and guidelines adopted by the journal**
- **Exploration of the relevant theoretical framework(s)**
- **Appropriate conclusions**
- **Contribution to knowledge**
- **Implications for counselling and psychotherapy practice**

Submissions are invited from current full-time or part-time registered students, or students who have graduated in the last 12 months.

Essay submissions should **not exceed** 4,000 words (excluding references). An abstract of no more than 350 words should accompany your submission. Several keywords that capture the key aspects of your study should be placed below the abstract.

Studies involving quantitative and/or qualitative research methods are equally welcomed with empirical content. The submission should be about a study where data collection and analysis is complete. Data needs to be presented adequately, analysis clearly described and meaning discussed. Balance between reflexivity and presentation of the empirical findings of the study is important. The submission of chapters from dissertations and theses is not acceptable.

The essay should follow the academic conventions of *CPR*, eg, referencing styles, publishing guidelines for qualitative research, etc. See the *CPR* journal and the *CPR* website for details: www.informaworld.com/cpr and follow the link for "Instructions for Authors".

Submissions should be received, in electronic format, eg, Word attachment by 12.00 noon on **Monday 16 June 2008** at the latest and should be sent to Angela Couchman at angela.couchman@bacp.co.uk.

Important: you will receive an acknowledgement within five working days; please telephone the Research Department on 01455 883318 if you do not receive your acknowledgement.

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