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(Counselling and Psychotherapy Research)

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The Editorial Board of *Counselling and Psychotherapy Research (CPR)* and the Research Department of BACP want to encourage you to submit an account of an empirical research project for the **2009 CPR New Researcher Prize**. The winning entry will receive **£200 worth of book tokens** plus **£200 cash, sponsored by Taylor & Francis publishers**.

We are looking for submissions that 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 those who have graduated in the last **24** months.

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. Regardless of the method used, there should be empirical content. That is, the submission should be about a study where data have been collected and the analysis of them is completed. This is not to say that the research project needs to have been completed in its entirety.

Balance between reflexivity and presentation of the empirical findings of the study is called for. Whilst you need to adopt a reflexive position (where you reflect on yourself as the researcher in relation to your study), you need to ensure that your data are presented adequately, the analysis of them is described clearly, and their meaning is discussed.

The paper should be complete in and of itself. The submission of chapters from dissertations and theses where the focus of the chapter is detached from the study as a whole is not acceptable.

The essay should follow the academic conventions of *CPR*, eg, referencing styles, publishing guidelines for qualitative research, etc. Visit the *CPR* website for details www.tandf.co.uk/journals/rcpr. Follow the links for 'Instructions for Authors'

Submissions should be received, in electronic format, eg, Word attachment by 5.00pm on **Tuesday 30 June 2009** at the latest and should be sent to Angela Couchman: 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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