

Award for the Best Scientific Publication of 2025

The Executive Board of SEPEX announces the **Award for the Best Scientific Publication of 2025**. The call includes two categories:

- **Psicológica Award:** aimed at promoting the publication of outstanding research in *Psicológica* (<https://psicologicajournal.com/>), the flagship journal of SEPEX.
- **SEPEX Young Researchers Award:** aimed at fostering and recognizing the role of new generations of researchers in Spanish experimental psychology.

Two awards will be granted, one per category, each consisting of **€500 and an official certificate**.

ELEGIBILITY

Psicológica Award: The only requirement is to have published an article in *Psicológica* during 2025. Articles “in press” will not be considered (i.e., the article must have complete bibliographic information, including DOI and volume assignment).

No application is required for this category: the SEPEX Executive Board will directly evaluate all publications meeting the eligibility criteria. If selected, at least one of the article’s authors must be a SEPEX member in order to receive the award.

SEPEX Young Researchers Award: Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have published an original research article in the field of experimental psychology in a scientific journal during 2025. Articles “in press” in 2025 will not be considered (i.e., the article must include complete bibliographic information such as DOI, volume, issue, and/or page numbers). If multiple articles have been published, the applicant must select only one for this call.
- Be the first author of the article and have authorization from all co-authors to submit it to this call. In the case of co-first authorship, only those works in which all individuals sharing first authorship meet the eligibility requirements of the call will be considered eligible; in such cases, the recognition may be shared.
- Be a final-year undergraduate student, postgraduate student, PhD student, or postdoctoral researcher. If holding a PhD, the thesis must have been defended in 2024 or later. This criterion will be applied flexibly, taking into account interruptions due to maternity/paternity leave, illness, or other duly justified circumstances that have significantly impacted the research career.
- Be a SEPEX member with an up-to-date membership (i.e., full members or associate members who do not yet meet the criteria for full membership).
- Not have received this same award in previous calls.
- Articles co-authored by current members of the SEPEX Executive Board, or submitted to more than one call for evaluation, will not be considered in either category.

The application period for the “SEPEX Young Researchers Award” category will run from **March 27 to April 22, 2026**. Applications must be sent to: secretaria.sepex@gmail.com, with the subject line: “*Best Scientific Publication Award 2025*”. The application form can be downloaded at the end of this page.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

From all submitted articles, three finalists will be selected in each category according to the following procedure:

- **Psicológica Award:** The Editorial Committee of *Psicológica* will be asked to select the three best papers published in the journal during 2025.
- **SEPEX Young Researchers Award:** The SEPEX Executive Board will carry out a preselection of three finalist articles.

The finalist articles in each category will then be evaluated by a mixed committee composed of at least three members of the SEPEX Executive Board and at least three external researchers selected based on their expertise in the relevant topics.

Each finalist article will be reviewed and scored by at least two reviewers using a scale from 1 to 5. Based on these scores, the SEPEX Executive Board will grant the award to the highest-scoring article in each category (*Psicológica* and SEPEX Young Researchers).

The Executive Board may also grant special mentions in each category (without financial award).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

This award seeks to recognize outstanding work that not only advances the field of experimental psychology but also promotes ethical and responsible research practices. The evaluation criteria are divided into two main categories:

- **Relevance:** Preference will be given to work whose empirical, methodological, and/or theoretical contributions demonstrate significant potential to impact both academia and society. Research relevance may be reflected in its ability to inspire future studies, influence public policy, foster technological innovation, or otherwise contribute meaningfully to the advancement of knowledge.
- **Scientific ethics:** Particular value will be given to research that demonstrates a strong commitment to scientific integrity, including transparency, openness, and replicability. Sound research ethics are essential for building a reliable knowledge base and fostering an inclusive and collaborative scientific community.

The application form can be downloaded [here](#).

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