

CONUL Training & Development Research Award

CONUL Training and Development are pleased to announce the sixth Research Award.

Objective of award

The objective of this funding award is to encourage practitioner-based research and innovation among librarians in CONUL member libraries.

Value of award

The award can be awarded up to a maximum of €2000.

The award will be the sole source of funding for the particular research project. Funding can be used to defray research expenses such as travel, visits, attendance at meetings or other activities directly related to the research project. General professional development activities are not eligible for funding.

Eligibility

Entries are welcomed from librarians, or staff on equivalent grades, in CONUL member libraries, currently engaged in or wishing to undertake a research project.

Topic

Research may be on any topic of relevance to the individual or their library. Research proposals which have applicability to other CONUL libraries and support the CONUL Strategy 2016-2019 will be particularly welcome.

Methodology

The judging panel will be looking for an awareness of reflective practice and evidence-based practice, along with sound research methodology.

Application procedure

There is no application form, but proposals should include the following (approximately 1000 words – applicants may be contacted for further information):

- Name
- Contact address, phone number and email
- Brief CV
- Summary of the proposed research project, including title, objectives, methodology, timescale (which should be no longer than 12 months), financial projection (including any start-up costs).

Proposals should be submitted via your local CONUL Training & Development contact, see CONUL website at: <http://www.conul.ie/membership-and-roles/> for contact details. Previous winning proposals may be viewed at: <http://www.conul.ie/training-development-awards/>

Outcomes

The recipient of the award may be required

- to provide an interim account of their research 6 months into the project
- to produce an article on the research for a library-related publication
- to present on their research at a CONUL event
- to write a report for the CONUL Training & Development website

Timescale

Award launch:	CONUL Conference May 2018
Closing date for receipt of proposals:	Friday 26 October 2018
Award winner announced:	Friday 14 December 2018
Interim Report:	Friday 28 June 2019
Submission of completed project:	Friday 31 January 2020