

CONUL Training & Development Research Award 2024

CONUL Training and Development are pleased to announce the 8th 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 worth up to a maximum value of €2000. €500 is a prize for the winning entrant (on completion of the paper) and up to €1500 will be the sole source of funding for this research project. Funding can be used to defray receipted 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 2020-2024 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 of approximately 1000 words should include the following:

- 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: <https://conul.ie/membership-and-roles/>

Previous winning proposals may be viewed at: <https://conul.ie/training-development-awards/>

Outcomes

The recipient of the award will be required:

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

Timescale

Award launch: CONUL Conference **29-30 May 2024**

Closing date for receipt of proposals: **Friday 25 October 2024**

Award winner announced: **Monday 20 January 2025**

Interim Report: **Friday 27 June 2025** Submission of completed project: **Friday 09 January 2026**