

LIFE COURSE CENTRE WORKING PAPER SERIES AWARD

PURPOSE

The Life Course Centre Working Paper Series Award supports the development of papers for submission to the Life Course Centre Working Paper Series. Life Course Centre Working Papers are a highly valuable resource for government and non-government researchers, and have been cited in reports by agencies such as the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Australian Productivity Commission. In order to encourage the continued publication of high-quality and highly timely research, this award acknowledges the work of Life Course Centre researchers, and will assist in promoting their findings and research.

ELIGIBILITY

The Award is open to all Life Course Centre researchers, students and affiliates. Information about becoming an affiliate is available [here](#).

CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by the Life Course Centre Working Paper Series Award Committee. There are two categories of Award:

1. Best contribution to scholarship on children and families over the life course.
2. Best contribution to policy, practice or engagement for children and families over the life course.

There are separate Student and Researcher categories for each category of Award.

The following criteria may be considered by the Committee:

- **Impact:** the potential of the paper to be of use to NGOs, and government departments, and people outside academia.
- **Rigour:** the methodological rigor, and the rigour of the analysis, the appropriateness of the method.
- **Clarity:** of the writing, the structure/flow of the argument, its accessibility to a non-academic audience.
- **Fit:** with the Life Course Centre mission and aims.
- **Contribution:** to the literature, how much the paper extends current knowledge.

SCOPE

The Life Course Centre Working Paper Award is annual, with all published papers in a calendar year being considered for the Award. Each award is worth \$4,000, and the committee may grant up to four awards.