

SWIPPA Award

1. Principle

Every year, the SWIPPA awards outstanding theses (bachelor-, master-, or doctoral) considering topics and questions from the field of positive psychology.

Positive psychology is the science of a successful life. It investigates what makes life worth living and considers personal characteristics and framework conditions which contribute to well-being and life satisfaction. It is concerned with getting people to live out their potential.

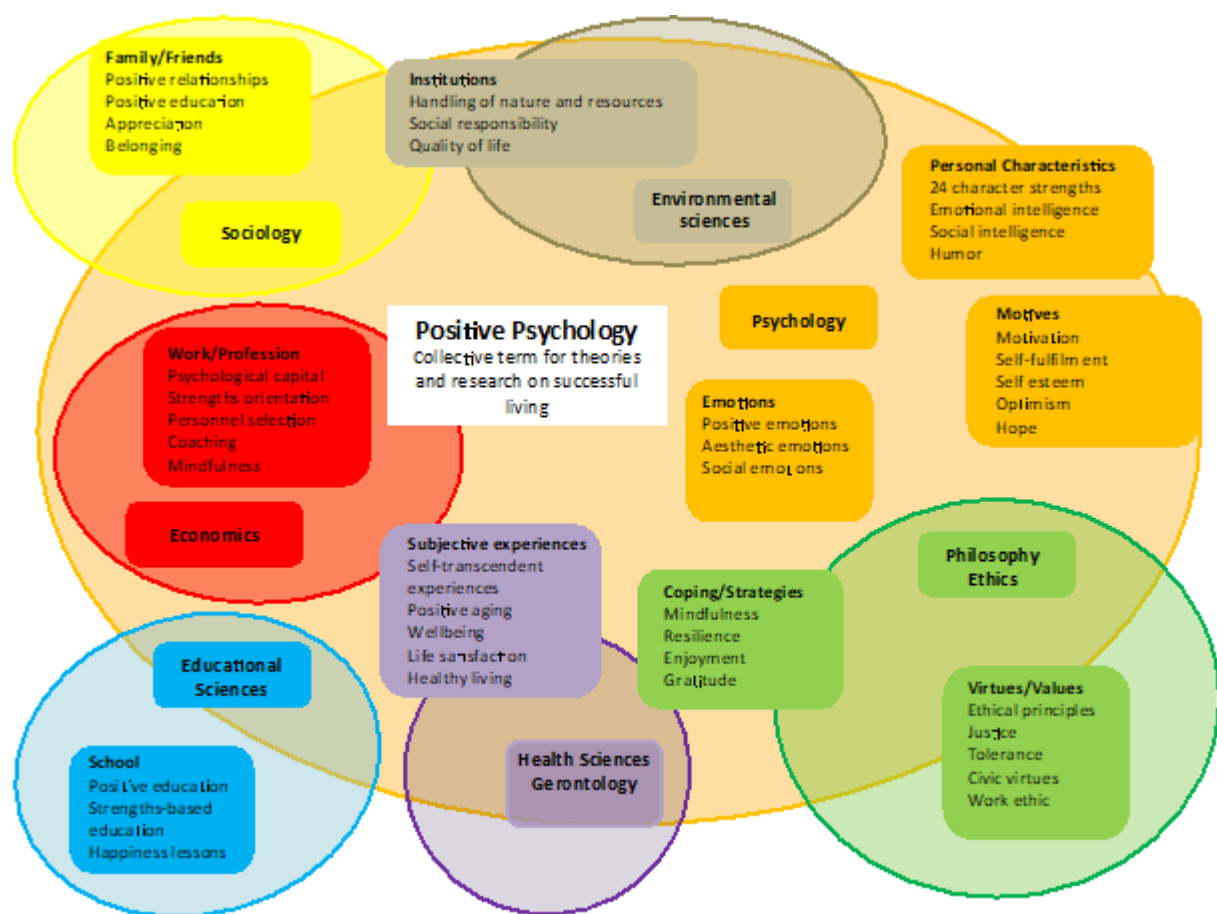


Figure 1. Positive psychology as a collective term for theories and research on successful living.

Theories and research on successful living exists not only in psychology, but also in many other disciplines (fig. 1). Therefore, applications from graduates of other fields such as sociology, educational sciences, philosophy, gerontology, health sciences, or business sciences are also supported. Interdisciplinary approaches are welcome.

2. Purpose

The SWIPPA award aims at:

- promoting young scientists;
- establishing positive psychology as an innovative research field;
- showing the diversity of research questions and approaches;
- supporting the transfer of knowledge between research and practice.

3. Application

- The call for proposals is announced annually on the SWIPPA website: www.swippa.ch
- Participation is open to graduates of all Swiss colleges (universities and universities of applied sciences)
- The thesis may not be more than 2 years old and must have received a minimum grade of 5.5.
- The applicant may be the single authors of the thesis, or part of a group of authors.
- The following documents are required for the application: The thesis (as a pdf document), an abstract (1 page), a photo (that may be published on the SWIPPA homepage) and a curriculum vitae.
- The documents may be submitted in German, English, French or Italian.
- The application information is online at: www.swippa.ch

4. Evaluation, decision, award ceremony

- A committee of professors and/or university lecturers and members of the SWIPPA-board decides on the award winners.
- The main criteria are: (a) scientific quality; (b) importance to the field of positive psychology; (c) practical relevance. The weight of these criteria depends on the nature of the specific thesis.
- The award winners are provided with a free SWIPPA-membership of two years. In the year following the award, the thesis may be presented in a lecture or workshop during a SWIPPA-event (e. g. at the SWIPPA congress, or at the *journée romande de psychologie positive*). In addition, cash and non-cash prizes may be awarded.
- The award ceremony is hosted at the SWIPPA autumn congress. The awardees will be informed at least six weeks ahead of the congress. The award winners are strongly encouraged to attend the award ceremony and collect their prize, as well as to briefly present their thesis at the ceremony.
- The abstracts of the awarded theses, as well as photos of the award winners are published on the SWIPPA webpage. These abstracts may be used by the SWIPPA for public communication.
- The jury's decisions are final. They reserve the right to revisit their decisions in the case of malpractice. It is not subject to legal recourse.

5. Information

Please send any questions to info@swippa.ch.

6. Deadlines

The application deadline is the 30th of September.

The award ceremony takes place at the annual SWIPPA Conference.