

Couple and Family Psychoanalysis

New Writer Prize 2026

Couple and Family Psychoanalysis, an international peer reviewed journal, established the annual New Writer Prize in 2020 to mark its tenth anniversary and the stepping down of Molly Ludlam as the inaugural editor. Its purpose is to encourage practitioners in couple and family psychotherapy to write about and publish their work.

Students and qualified clinicians, who have not previously published an article, chapter, or book in the field of couple and family psychotherapy, are invited to submit original papers on theoretical, clinical, or research aspects of psychoanalytically informed work with couples and families. Entries will be judged by a panel of senior clinicians on their clinical and theoretical merit, with particular attention being paid to their innovative qualities and capacity to advance thinking and practice in the field.

Entry for this annual award will be conditional upon the submission being accepted for publication. The winner will receive a £400 cash prize and a one-year subscription to Couple and Family Psychoanalysis, to include the issue in which their paper is published.

Submission Guidelines

- The deadline for entries for the 2026 New Writer Prize is 1 July 2026. The winning submission will be published in the journal the following year.
- Entries should accord with the published criteria set down in the journal's 'Aims and Scope' and be between 4,000 and 6,000 words in length, including an abstract and references.
- Entries should be submitted via the same process followed by other submissions to the journal. For detailed instructions, visit <https://firingthemind.com/product/cfp/> and click on the tab titled "Instructions to Contributors".
- The prize winner will be notified by 31 December 2026.
- Any enquiries should be addressed to the Editor:
cfpeditor@tavistockrelationships.ac.uk.