

Terms of Reference

The Howard Cooper Travelling Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry



DESCRIPTION

The Howard Cooper Travelling Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (“the Award”) is named in honour of the late Dr Howard Cooper, a former Chair of the RANZCP’s Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (FCAP).

It is made annually to a visiting overseas trainee psychiatrist or psychiatrist from the Asia-Pacific region who wishes to gain experience in child and adolescent psychiatry in Australia or New Zealand.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Fellowship is made to an overseas-based psychiatry trainee or psychiatrist who is within 5 years of obtaining their psychiatry qualification. Recipients must be from the Asia-Pacific region.

FORM OF AWARD

It is expected that the Fellowship would be taken to coincide with either the FCAP’s annual conference (at which the recipient would make a formal presentation), or the RANZCP’s annual Congress. The Fellowship includes an amount of A\$3500, an award certificate, plus registration to attend either the Faculty conference or the RANZCP Congress.

The recipient is also invited to attend the College Ceremony at the RANZCP Congress where the Award will be presented.

FREQUENCY

The Howard Cooper Travelling Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry is presented annually, although if there are no suitable applicants, the Fellowship will not be awarded in that year.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

The selection process will take into account the need for training and experience not readily available in the applicant’s home country, and the capacity of the applicant to improve local child and adolescent mental health services on return to their home country.

SELECTION PANEL COMPOSITION AND OPERATION

The Chair of the Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry will act as Convenor and convene a selection panel consisting of 2-4 additional Faculty members, to assess and rank submissions for the Fellowship. The Faculty reserves the right to not make an award if the selection panel believes there has not been a suitable submission.

Achieving appropriate diversity, including gender balance, will be considered when forming the Selection Panel.

Once a recipient is awarded the Fellowship, a member of the Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Committee will be allocated to coordinate the preparation of the placement. The Chair of the Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry will determine the most suitable member. The Faculty committee member will then liaise directly with the recipient on Fellowship dates and locations.

FINAL DETERMINATION

After reviewing the scoring and comments of each Selection Panel member, the Convenor will determine the highest scored applicant. This will then be confirmed by the Panel.

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