

The RANZCP Early Career Psychiatrist Award

Terms of Reference



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Description

The RANZCP Early Career Psychiatrist Award (formerly known as the RANZCP Young Psychiatrist Award, the MSD Young Psychiatrist Award, the Organon Junior Research Award, the Organon Young Psychiatrist Award and the Schering-Plough Young Psychiatrist Award) was established in 1979 to encourage and promote research in psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand. An annual award is presented to the trainee, or Fellow or Affiliate (within five years of obtaining their primary specialist psychiatry qualification) who has contributed the most significant paper published in the past two years.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications/nominations may be made by or on behalf of trainees, or Fellows or Affiliates (within five years of obtaining their primary specialist psychiatry qualification, at the time of the awards submission opening date). Periods of extended leave (e.g. parental leave) may alter the period of eligibility and can be taken into account by the Selection Panel. Relevant information should be outlined within the submission.

Members of the Selection Panel have the right to apply, but shall stand down from the Panel during the year in which their application is considered.

Form of Award

The Award comprises a framed certificate plus a sum of A\$10,000 which is to be used at the discretion of the recipient(s) for the furthering of his/her research, together with a return economy airfare to the College Congress during which the Award will be presented.

Frequency

The Selection Panel may recommend that the Award be made to one person or shared by two or more persons, or that no Award be made in any given year.

Application/Nomination Process

Applications/nominations for the Award may be made by trainees, Fellows or Affiliates, or on their behalf by another RANZCP member.

There is no 'application form' for the Award. Written applications/nominations should include a curriculum vitae and the nominated published paper.

The nominated paper should be in a refereed journal and published within two years of the awards submission opening date. Work performed wholly in Australia/New Zealand or partly in Australia/New Zealand and partly elsewhere is acceptable.

The candidate should, in normal circumstances, be the principal author. The submission must also include a statement (of up to 50 words) explaining the candidate's role in producing the paper, and a statement (of up to 100 words) on why the paper is significant.

Applications/nominations must be submitted to: awards@ranzcp.org.

Applicants/nominees for the RANZCP Early Career Psychiatrist Award are also strongly encouraged to submit an abstract for College Congress.

Selection Panel Composition

The Selection Panel comprises: the Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee (Panel Chair), the President, the Chair and one other member of the Committee for Research, the Editor of the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*, and a representative of the New Zealand National Committee (if not otherwise represented). In the case of a declared conflict of interest, the Chair of the Selection Panel should advise possible alternate arrangements.

In the case where the Chair of the Selection Panel declares a conflict of interest, and it is not possible/feasible to make alternate arrangements, the decision should be deferred to the rest of the Selection Panel. The Panel may consult recognised international experts as necessary. At least one member of the Selection Panel must be from Australia and at least one from New Zealand.

Revision Record

Contact: Executive Manager, Membership and Events

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