

RANZCP Australian Capital Territory Branch Teresa Foce Award

Terms of Reference



Australian Capital Territory Branch

Description:

The RANZCP ACT Branch Committee recognises service to the mental health of the people of the Australian Capital Territory. The Teresa Foce Award was established in 2018 with the first recipient awarded in 2019. Dr Teresa Foce (ACT) was an outstanding Fellow who provided excellent clinical service as well as major contributions to trainee, medical student teaching and welfare. She was a highly respected peer and mentor to many trainees and Fellows. The Award acknowledges the most outstanding contributions by a Fellow, trainee psychiatrist, individual or agency as assessed through service to patients, the profession, and the community.

Eligibility Criteria:

The award is usually made to a trainee or new Fellow of the College (who is within 18 months of their Fellowship) in the Australian Capital Territory, but in some circumstances the award may be presented to an agency or individual who is not a College member who has contributed to the improvement of mental health in the Australian Capital Territory. Such contributions may include the welfare of trainees, or the development of a special unit, or area of special expertise, or lengthy involvement in a clinical area, and/or service to the profession which has earned the respect of colleagues. Only contributions within the ACT will be considered.

The award should only be given to an individual on one occasion, so that previous winners are ineligible for future awards. The award may be bestowed on more than one person or agency in the same year, if the committee feels there is more than one worthy recipient.

Form of Award:

The Award comprises of a framed certificate. The recipient and one guest are invited to attend the annual Branch Dinner/Travelling Scholar event, where the Award will be presented.

Frequency:

The Award is presented annually.

Nomination Process:

The Teresa Foce Award is given by nomination only. Nominations may be made by any member of the RANZCP, and must set out the reasons for the nomination. Nominators are asked to include reasons why they believe the nominee is worthy of the award, detailing the nature of their contribution to mental health in the ACT. Nominations can be from an individual Fellow, or from a College group.

The nomination should address the selection criteria, provide evidence of outstanding contribution to the function of the RANZCP or the practice of psychiatry in a clinical, academic or administrative capacity and provide names of referees who give testimony in support of the nominee.

Nominations must be in writing to:

RANZCP – ACT Branch
Branch Coordinator
Email: ranzcp.act@ranzcp.org
or Fax +61(0)3 9642 5652

Selection Process:

The Selection panel will consider the nominee’s contributions to clinical psychiatry, as assessed through service to patients and to the community. The panel is responsible for recommending to the ACT Branch Committee a person for receipt of the Award and will only do so if they are unanimous in their recommendation. The recommendations should be in writing and should outline the reasons for such nomination. The ACT Branch Committee will have final determination for this Award.

Process for Bestowing the Award:

- (i) The Chair of the ACT Branch will write a letter to the recipient, advising them they have been bestowed the Award, and offering them and one guest, complimentary tickets to the annual dinner (usually held in June) for presentation of the award.
- (ii) The recipient of the Award is announced in the next Branch newsletter.
- (iii) The recipient of the Award is formally announced at the ACT Branch annual dinner. The award recipient and one guest are offered complimentary tickets to the dinner, and the award will be presented to them by the ACT Branch Committee Chair. The recipient is asked to give a brief response on receiving their award.
- (i) The reasons for the recipient winning the award, i.e. the nature of their contribution, can be announced, but the identity of the nominator should be kept confidential. It is left to the discretion of the Branch committee whether the identities of unsuccessful nominees be revealed.

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