

# The nanggit ngarrgu Academic Research Award

## Terms of Reference



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## Description

The *nanggit ngarrgu Academic Research Award* is awarded to a RANZCP Fellow for the best original academic research in the field of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing research in the last five years.

This award is supported by a generous donation received from College Fellow Dr Alagappa Arumugam AM and Dr Banu Arumugam to encourage scholarship and increase cultural knowledge and understanding of psychiatry for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island peoples and communities.

The name for this award 'nanggit ngarrgu' (meaning – 'leaders of knowledge') is in Woi Wurrung, the language of the Wurundjeri people. This name was provided with the guidance and permission of Wurundjeri Elders who are the Traditional Owners of the lands where both the Arumugam family home and the RANZCP head office is located in Victoria.

## Eligibility criteria

Current Fellows who are in good standing with the RANZCP are eligible to receive this award.

Applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are strongly encouraged to apply.

The academic research in the field of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing must have been completed in the past five years from the submission opening date in any one year.

Periods of extended leave (e.g. parental leave) may alter the period of eligibility for the published academic research and can be considered by the selection panel. Supporting information should be provided by the applicant, if required.

Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to receive it on a further occasion within a period of two years from the year of the previous award. Previous recipients of the wayibu yirram nanggit ngarrgu Scholarly Project Prize may apply for this award but must disclose this in their application.

Members of the selection panel have the right to apply but shall declare and stand down from the panel during the year in which their application is considered.

Research must have been performed in Australia, and within five years of the submission opening date.

## Form of award

The award includes:

- a framed award certificate
- A\$5000
- invitation to present the work as part of a suitable stream during Congress

- invitation to accept the award at the College Ceremony during Congress.

## Frequency

- Applications for the *nanggit ngarrgu Academic Research Award* will open during the annual RANZCP awards and grants program.
- The award will be formally conferred at the College Ceremony the following May.
- The award may be given to one person or can be shared amongst two or more if their work is of equal merit.
- If shared, each recipient shall be entitled to an equal portion of the A\$5000 award money but will each receive the other benefits in full.
- If there are no suitable candidates, the award will not be given in that year.

## Application process

Fellows who meet the eligibility criteria are required to submit a CV, cover letter and an anonymised copy of their research work (which is the subject of the award).

Research work may take the form of:

- a published article; or
- a draft article submitted for publication.

The candidate should, in normal circumstances, be the principal author. Where there are multiple authors involved, the application should clearly indicate the contribution of the applicant to the work.

The cover letter should include:

- a statement (of up to 50 words) explaining the candidate's role in producing the paper
- a statement (of up to 100 words) on why the paper is significant.

Applications must be submitted to [foundation@ranzcp.org](mailto:foundation@ranzcp.org) by the due date.

## Selection criteria

In the opinion of the selection panel, the work submitted which is the subject of the award shall be judged to be of sufficient merit to warrant the award being presented in a given year, and be original work primarily researched by the applicant.

The selection panel will review applications on the basis of:

- originality
- scientific merit
- compliance with leading ethical and cultural protocols, permissions and safety when undertaking research involving Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples/communities
- capacity to improve Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples/communities social and emotional wellbeing
- overall contribution to knowledge in the area of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing.

## Selection panel composition

The selection panel will comprise:

- the Chair of the RANZCP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee (chair of selection panel) (or nominee)
- one other member of the RANZCP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee
- the Chair of the RANZCP Foundation Committee (or nominee); and
- the Chair of the Committee for Research (or nominee).

At least one (1) selection panel member must identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Preference will be given to a nominee who is a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee.

The panel may co-opt additional members with particular expertise if required.

It is the responsibility of all members of the selection panel to comply with the RANZCP [Declaring and Managing Conflict of Interest Guideline](#) and to promptly take appropriate action to effectively manage the conflict of interest. In the event that a conflict of interest is identified:

1. the Chair will be responsible for addressing the conflict and taking appropriate steps to ensure the integrity of the selection process is maintained; or
2. where the Chair declares a conflict of interest, and it is not possible to make alternative arrangements, the decision will be deferred to the remaining members of the selection panel.

All decisions of the selection panel must be endorsed by the RANZCP Foundation Committee; and ratified by the RANZCP Board.

The RANZCP reserves the right to make no award if it does not receive any suitable applications.

## Contact information

Please contact [foundation@ranzcp.org](mailto:foundation@ranzcp.org).

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