

# ACT PIF members to ACT Branch Conference 2025

Eligible PIF members from ACT are invited to apply for a scholarship to attend the 2025 ACT Branch Conference. The conference is being held at Peppers Manor House, Kater Rd, Sutton Forest NSW from Friday 7 March 2025 to Sunday 9 March 2025.

*"People are fascinating. We are privileged enough to learn about and help people who live in our community everyday, yet we hardly get time to meet ourselves or our colleagues in this hectic work life landscape. So, take this opportunity to come spend the weekend with colleagues old and new, private and public, to reconnect and re-energise for the year ahead."* The Conference will explore the theme "Connections and Community". It is a great opportunity to further your psychiatry knowledge by hearing from diverse presentations, and for you to network with RANZCP Fellows and trainees.

## Two (2) sponsorship places are being offered and include:

- Full conference registration (Saturday and Sunday)
- A ticket to the Welcome Reception on the Friday evening, and a ticket to the Conference Dinner on the Saturday evening, and
- Up to A\$300 towards supporting travel to the Conference.

Sponsorship recipients must commit to attending the full Conference program. PIF members who are Fellows or trainees of other specialties are ineligible to apply.

**Abstract submissions close on 31 December 2024.**

## Terms & conditions

### Sponsorship Details

Up to two (2) PIF sponsorships to attend the RANZCP, ACT Branch Conference 2025, being held at Peppers Manor House Friday 7 March 2025 to Sunday 9 March 2025 are available to RANZCP PIF members from ACT who are currently enrolled as medical students or who are postgraduate Year 1, 2 or 3+ doctors. PIF members who are Fellows and trainees of another specialty are ineligible to apply.

Sponsorship is valued at up to A\$810 (incl. GST) and comprises:

- A ticket to the Friday night welcome event
- Full conference registration (Saturday and Sunday)
- A ticket to the Saturday night conference dinner, and

- Up to A\$300 towards supporting travel to the Conference.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- be a current or new PIF member based in ACT who is currently enrolled as a medical student or is a postgraduate Year 1, 2 or 3+ doctor. PIF members who are Fellows and trainees of another specialty are ineligible to apply.
- commit to attending the full program.
- not have previously received a PIF scholarship to attend an ACT Branch Conference.
- PIF members who have already registered for this Conference are eligible to apply.

### Travel Support

Travel support of up to A\$300 is available to successful applicants living outside an 80 kilometres radius from Sutton Forrest, NSW. Applicants are required to submit a proposal for their travel support as part of their application for sponsorship. Travel expenses covered by this sponsorship would include:

- accommodation in Bowral during the duration of the Conference
- road travel using a private motor vehicle
- related commute costs to/from Conference including mileage costs, road tolls and parking costs.

The following expenses will not be covered:

- meals, as these are included in Conference registration
- mini bar or other room service costs as part of hotel accommodation
- any excess baggage costs

Delegates are responsible for booking and cancelling their own travel arrangements and any fees that may incur. Proof of receipts (tax invoices) will be required as evidence to claim reimbursement, which will be processed after the event.

Sponsorship recipients should note it can take up to ten business days to receive their reimbursement.

### Applications and Outcome

Applicants are required to submit a Poster via [the EventAir Abstract Submission portal](#), using the abstracts template. Abstracts must not exceed 300 words (this applies to the main body of the abstract and excludes abstract title and authors and affiliations).

Applications must be submitted electronically by **Tuesday 31 December 2024**.  
**Applications received after this time will not be accepted.**

The Selection Panel will assess the applications based on the application criteria and determine the successful applicants. The Selection Panel's decision is final.

The outcome will be announced shortly after the closing date and successful applicants are required to confirm their acceptance of a sponsorship by email by the provided deadline.

#### Photography and Recording

Images and/or voices of attendees may be recorded during the conference for use in RANZCP website, communications and media, including social media. If you do not wish for your image or voice to be publicised, please email [pif@ranzcp.org](mailto:pif@ranzcp.org).

#### Evaluation

Sponsorship recipients will be required to submit a short reflection on their attendance at the event.

#### COVID-19 Compliance

The health and safety of conference attendees is our highest priority. The RANZCP is mindful of the health risks posed by COVID-19, and the importance of following official medical advice with respect to social distancing, practicing good hygiene and staying at home when unwell. The RANZCP requests that any delegate who is feeling unwell or has cold or flu-like symptoms, or who may have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, not attend the conference.

If, on medical grounds, you are unable to attend the conference, you must cancel your attendance in writing by email to [pif@ranzcp.org](mailto:pif@ranzcp.org).

#### Funding

The sponsorship is supported by the ACT Branch Committee, and the PIF program.

The RANZCP has received Australian Government funding under the Psychiatry Workforce Program to deliver the PIF program.