

The Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age

Basic Psychiatric Trainee Prize

Terms of Reference



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Description

The RANZCP's Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Basic Psychiatric Trainee Prize was established in 2012 to promote excellence in advancing the Quality of Life in Older People with Mental Illness by:

- Encouraging and promoting the highest clinical and ethical standards in the delivery of Psychiatry of Old Age services amongst psychiatry trainees in Australia and New Zealand.
- Encouraging and promoting training in Psychiatry of Old Age of the highest standard for psychiatrists, trainee psychiatrists, medical students, related health professionals, students of related health professions and other medical practitioners.

Eligibility Criteria

The Prize is open to basic psychiatry trainees, that is, a Stage 1 or 2 Trainee under the Competency Based Fellowship program.

The Award may be made to one person, or can be shared amongst two or more if of equal merit. If there are no suitable applicants, the Award will not be made in that year. Previous recipients of the Award will not be eligible to receive the Award on a further occasion.

Form of Prize

The Prize comprises:

- A\$500
- reimbursement of funds to the value of A\$1500 for: day registration, return economy flights and one night accommodation, for one person to attend either RANZCP Congress, or the next Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age conference.
- the opportunity to present the winning work at Congress or the Faculty conference
- a framed award certificate
- invitation to accept the award at the College Ceremony during Congress.

Application Process

Applicants for the Prize are required to submit a cover letter and an anonymised copy of their work (which is subject of the Prize) to the RANZCP before the due date. Submissions should take the form of:

- A published article
- A draft article suitable for publication in a journal equivalent to *Australasian Psychiatry*
- A case review / study

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

Applicants for the Prize are also strongly encouraged to submit an abstract for Congress.

Selection Process

In making a recommendation the Selection Panel will consider the essay submitted for its contribution to the quality of life in older people with a mental illness.

The Prize will be awarded for an essay which demonstrates a focus on engagement with the person, the impact of their illness, and how treatment and other interventions may impact upon this. If there are no suitable applicants, the Prize will not be made in that year. Previous recipients of the Prize will not be eligible to receive the Prize on a further occasion.

In the opinion of the Selection Panel the research which is 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
- Contribution to the knowledge base of psychiatry of old age.

Selection Panel Composition:

The Selection Panel shall consist of the Chair and one other member of the Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age, and a member of the Subcommittee for Advanced Training Psychiatry of Old Age.