The RANZCP Senior Research Award

Terms of Reference

Description:
The RANZCP Senior Research Award, formerly supported by Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp, were established in 1978 to recognise excellence in research in psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand. The RANZCP Senior Research Award (formerly known as the MSD Senior Research Award, the Organon Senior Research Award and the Schering-Plough Senior Research Award) is made annually to the Fellow(s) whom, in the opinion of the Selection Panel, has made the most significant contribution to psychiatric research in Australia and New Zealand over the preceding five years. Work performed partly in Australia/New Zealand and partly elsewhere will be acceptable.

Form of Award:
The Award comprises a citation as well as a return airfare to the College Congress during which the Award will be presented. The recipient(s) is also expected to present a keynote address at the Congress based on this research. Application for the award may be made by Fellows on their own behalf or nominations may be made by colleagues.

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Applications / nominations for the Award may be made by Fellows on their own behalf, or on their behalf by colleagues.

1. Copies of all documents forming part of the application/nomination should be provided electronically.

2. There is no ‘application form’ for the Award. Written applications/nominations should include a curriculum vitae, a list of published papers and books authored by the applicant/nominee, a critical appreciation of the importance of the work to the field of study, and reprints where available. Where there are multiple authors involved, the application should clearly indicate the contribution of the applicant/nominee to the work.

3. The psychiatric research submitted as the basis of the nomination should include that published during the five years preceding the closing date for nominations, with publication to be in prestigious journals or their equivalent. Work performed wholly in Australia/New Zealand or partly in Australia/New Zealand and partly elsewhere is acceptable.

4. In making its recommendation for the Award, the Selection Panel will consider the nominee’s contributions of international repute, as well as the importance of the work to the field of study.

5. 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.

6. The Award will be presented at the College Ceremony during the College Congress.

7. Previous recipients of the Award are not eligible to receive the Award on a further occasion within a period of five years from the year of the previous Award.
8. 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.

9. The Selection Panel comprises: Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee, President, Chair of the Committee for Research, Chair of the Education Committee, 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.

**Applications / Nominations:**

Applications / nominations should be forwarded to:

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