The RANZCP Early Career Psychiatrist Award

Terms of Reference

Description

The RANZCP Early Career Psychiatrist Award (formerly known as the RANZCP Young Psychiatrist Award, the MSD Young Psychiatrist Award, the Organon Junior Research Award, the Organon Young Psychiatrist Award and the Schering-Plough Young Psychiatrist Award) was established in 1979 to encourage and promote research in psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand. An annual award is presented to the Fellow (who is within five years of obtaining their primary specialist qualifications) or the registrar who has contributed the most significant paper published in the past two years.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications/nominations may be made by or on behalf of Fellows within five years of obtaining their primary specialist qualification. Periods of extended leave (e.g. parental leave) may alter the period of eligibility and can be taken into account by the Selection Panel. Relevant information should be outlined within the submission.

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.

Form of Award

The Award comprises a framed certificate plus a sum of A$10,000 which is to be used at the discretion of the recipient(s) for the furthering of his/her research, together with a return economy airfare to the College Congress during which the Award will be presented.

Frequency

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.

Application/Nomination Process

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

There is no ‘application form’ for the Award. Written applications/nominations should include a curriculum vitae and the nominated published paper.

The paper submitted as the basis of the nomination should be in a refereed journal and published during the two years preceding the closing dates for nomination. Work performed wholly in Australia/New Zealand or partly in Australia/New Zealand and partly elsewhere is acceptable. The applicant should, in normal circumstances, be the principal author.

Applications/nominations must be submitted to: awards@ranzcp.org.
Applicants/nominees for the RANZCP Early Career Psychiatrist Award are also strongly encouraged to submit an abstract for Congress.

**Selection Panel Composition**

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.

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