

The Medicott Award

Terms of Reference



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Description

The Medicott Award was made possible by the Medicott Family, and was established in 1999 in honour of Professor Emeritus Reginald Medicott. Professor Medicott was the inaugural president of the RANZCP following its incorporation in 1963 and was a leading forensic psychiatrist in New Zealand.

The Award is designed to encourage achievements and excellence in research in forensic psychiatry.

Eligibility Criteria

The Award is open to Advanced Trainees in Forensic Psychiatry, or Fellows who have achieved the Advanced Certificate in Forensic Psychiatry within the 24 months prior to the award application deadline.

Applicants shall have completed meritorious research in the field of forensic psychiatry, either conducted within the Advanced Training program in Forensic Psychiatry or the subsequent two years after the granting of an Advanced Certificate. Research should have been performed at least partly in Australasia, within the two years prior to application for the Award.

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 forensic psychiatry.

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 Award

The Award consists of A\$1200, a framed certificate, and a complimentary registration to the Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry's annual conference. The Award will be formally conferred during the College Ceremony at the RANZCP's College Congress. The award does not include travel support for the recipient to attend Congress. The winner will also be invited to present their research at the next Faculty conference.

Frequency

The Medicott Award will be made available annually. The Award will then be formally conferred at the College Ceremony the following May.

Application Process

Fellows and Advanced Trainees who meet the criteria are required to submit a cover letter and an anonymised copy of their research work (which is the subject of the Award) before the due date.

Submissions may take the form of:

- the Advanced Certificate in Forensic Psychiatry Research Project
- a published article
- a draft article suitable for publication
- a 2–3 page structured synopsis.

Where there are multiple authors involved, the application must indicate the contribution of the applicant's work.

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

Selection Panel Composition

The Selection Panel shall consist of the Chair, Sub-committee for Advanced Training in Forensic Psychiatry; the Chair, Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry; and the Chair, Committee for Research (or their nominees).

The Selection Panel will make a recommendation to the Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry Committee for approval. The Award recipient(s) will be advised to the Board.

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