

The RANZCP Senior Research Award

Terms of Reference



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Description

The RANZCP Senior Research Award was 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 or Affiliate who, 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.

Eligibility Criteria

Current Fellows or Affiliate members of the RANZCP are eligible for the Award.

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.

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 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.

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 Affiliate members on their own behalf, or on their behalf by another RANZCP member.

There is no 'application form' for the Award. Written applications/nominations should include a curriculum vitae, the five publications authored by the applicant/nominee considered to be their best or most impactful work over the past five years, a critical appraisal 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.

The psychiatric research submitted as the basis of the nomination must have been published within five years of the awards submission opening date, with publication in prestigious journals or their equivalent. Work performed wholly in Australia/New Zealand or partly in Australia/New Zealand and partly elsewhere is acceptable.

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

Selection Panel Composition

The Selection Panel comprises: the Chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee (Panel Chair), the President, the Chair and one other member of the Committee for Research, 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.

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.

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