

RANZCP Rural Research Award

Terms of Reference



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Description

The RANZCP Rural Research Award is an annual prize awarded to a Trainee or Fellow who has recently obtained Fellowship within the 12 months prior to the application deadline. The prize is an incentive award of the College, designed to encourage research achievements and excellence in rural psychiatry.

Eligibility Criteria

Current Trainees, or Fellows who have achieved Fellowship within the 12 months prior to the application deadline, are eligible to apply. Applicants shall have completed meritorious research, a quality improvement project or case review/study in the field of regional, rural or remote psychiatry. The work submitted should have been completed at least partly in Australia or New Zealand within the two-year period prior to application for the Award. 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\$1000, a framed certificate and an invitation to submit invitation to present their work for publication in the Australasian Psychiatry Regional, Rural and Remote virtual Collection. The Award may be made to one person or can be shared amongst two or more if their work is of equal merit. If shared, each recipient shall be entitled to an equal portion of Prize money. The Award will be formally conferred during the College Ceremony at the RANZCP's College Congress. Funding is to be provided by the Section of Rural Psychiatry and Rural Psychiatry Training Pathways program jointly with the support of the RANZCP Foundation.

Frequency

Annually

Application/Nomination Process

Applicants for the Award are required to submit a cover letter (1 page) and an anonymised copy of their work (which is subject of the Award) in accordance with the Awards Submission Process. Submissions for the Award may take the form of:

- Fellowship or Advanced Certificate Scholarly Project
- a published article
- a draft article suitable for publication in a journal equivalent to the Australasian Psychiatry
- a case review/study
- a quality improvement project

Applications must be submitted to: awards@ranzcp.org

Selection Panel Composition

The Selection Panel shall consist of the Chair of the Section of Rural Psychiatry; the Chair of the Committee for Research (or their nominee from their respective committee) and a Rural Director of Training nominated by the Section for Rural Psychiatry. In the opinion of the Selection Panel, the work submitted which is the 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 completed by the applicant. The Selection Panel will review applications on a confidential basis. The criteria for assessment will be: • originality • scientific merit • contribution to the knowledge base of rural psychiatry and rural community mental health. The Selection Panel shall make a recommendation to the Section of Rural Psychiatry for approval. The Award recipient(s) will be advised to the Board.