

South Australian Branch, The Royal Australian & New Zealand College Of Psychiatry, Meritorious Service Award.

Terms of Reference



Description:

The Meritorious Service Award is intended to provide recognition for a lifetime of achievement in psychiatry in South Australia.

Background:

The Award is intended to recognize the achievements of “unsung heroes”, i.e. those psychiatrists who have made significant contributions without having received formal acknowledgement or accolades in the usual course of their work. The Award is also intended to acknowledge the achievements of those who have gone “above and beyond” the duties of their job, having made important contributions to psychiatry (often unpaid or voluntary) that go outside their job description. The Award Sub Committee will give nominees who fit these descriptions special consideration.

Form of the Meritorious Service Award:

The South Australian Meritorious Service Award comprises of an engraved College Medal, framed Certificate and the addition of their name to an Honour Board held in the SA Branch Office.

Presentation of the College Medal and Certificate will take place at the SA Branch Annual Dinner.

Criteria:

This Award is given to a Fellow who is at, or near the end of their career in psychiatry and who has provided distinguished service to the practice of psychiatry in South Australia. This distinguished service can be in any area (or more than one area) of psychiatric practice, such as:

- Clinical care of patients in private and/or public practice
- Teaching and/or training of medical students, registrars or other mental health clinicians
- Mentoring of junior colleagues
- Participation in College activities, such as Examinations, Branch Committee roles or administrative roles for the College
- Research in Psychiatry
- Administrative roles within Mental Health
- Advocacy for consumers and carers within the mental health system
- Activities that enhance the public image of psychiatry or improve public understanding of mental illness.

Deadline:

The closing date for submissions will be COB the last Friday in August.

Process:

Call for nominations for the Award will be advertised in the final edition for the year of the local SA Branch Newsletter. This will be repeated in the first 3 editions the following year.

Once all submissions have been collated as of COB the last Friday in August, a meeting of the Awards Subcommittee, consisting of the Chair of the SA Branch and four other Members, of who at least two must be on the SA Branch Committee, will be arranged approximately 2 weeks after the deadline.

Selection Criteria:

1. This Award will be awarded to a maximum of ONE Fellow each year
2. Nominees who do not receive the award in any year may be re-nominated subsequently, but any Fellow can only receive the Meritorious Service Award on one occasion
3. A call for nominations will be made from all SA Members via the newsletter and email. Branch Chair (As Chair of the Selection Panel) and four other Members, of whom at least two must be on the SA Branch Committee. Two members of the selection panel can be drawn from Members who are not Branch Committee Members e.g. past recipients of the Award. The selection panel will consider the written information provided but can seek further information from other sources if desired. The selection panel is appointed annually by the SA Branch Committee.
4. The selection panel will recommend the ONE nominee to the SA Branch Committee who they believe best meets the criteria for the award, as set out in the Criteria.
5. The Branch Committee will ratify this recommendation, by process of a vote of the whole committee.
6. The list of nominations will not be published.
7. There is no appeal process.
8. The Award will be presented at the Branch Annual Dinner.

Application Process:

The SA Meritorious Service Award is given by nomination only. Nominations may be made by any member of the RANZCP, and must set out the reasons for the nomination. Nominations must be in writing to:

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