

The Adler Nurcombe Trainee Prize

Terms of Reference



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Description

The Adler Nurcombe Trainee Prize (the Award) honours Dr Robert Adler and Professor Barry Nurcombe who were instrumental in fostering the development of child and adolescent forensic psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand.

Eligibility Criteria

The Prize is awarded to an RANZCP Associate Member (Trainee) or a Fellow who is undertaking a Certificate of Advanced Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and/or Forensic Psychiatry, and who presents the most outstanding paper or poster at the most recent Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry's scientific meeting.

To be eligible, members must be undertaking a Certificate of Advanced Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and/or Forensic Psychiatry at the time of the scientific meeting of the Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry.

Abstracts will be judged by the following selection criteria:

- overall contribution to child and adolescent forensic psychiatry
- demonstrated developmental focus
- original contribution to child and adolescent forensic psychiatry
- potential for ongoing work in child and adolescent forensic psychiatry.

Form of Award

The Prize consists of a certificate together with A\$500 which should be spent attending a Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry conference.

The recipient will be invited to attend the College Ceremony at the RANZCP Congress where the award will be presented.

Frequency

The Adler Nurcombe Trainee Prize is determined at the Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry's scientific meeting in accordance with the application and selection process.

The Prize may be given to one person, or if there are no suitable entrants, it will not be awarded in that year.

Application Process

Trainees and Fellows who are undertaking the relevant Certificate of Advanced Training, and whose abstracts are accepted for presentation at the Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry's scientific meeting, will be automatically considered for the Prize.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their abstracts for the Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry Conference are submitted before the due date.

Selection Panel Composition and Operation

The selection panel of the Prize shall consist of the Conference Convenor (Chair) and at least one other member of the Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry Bi-national Committee.

A majority of the Selection panel will need to agree that one of the submitted applications/nominations is sufficiently meritorious, for the Award to be made that year. If necessary, the Chair shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.

It is the responsibility of all members of the selection panel to comply with the RANZCP Declaring and Managing Conflict of Interest Guideline and to promptly take appropriate action to effectively manage the conflict of interest. In the event that a conflict of interest is identified:

1. the Chair will be responsible for addressing the conflict and taking appropriate steps to ensure the integrity of the selection process is maintained; or
2. where the Chair declares a conflict of interest, and it is not possible to make alternative arrangements, the decision will be deferred to the remaining members of the selection panel.

Final Determination

After all presentations have been judged, total scores for each presenter will be tallied and judges will confer to determine the result of the prize.

If necessary, the Chair shall have both a deliberative and casting vote. The decision made by the judges are final and may not be appealed.

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