

2021 RACGP Awards

It's time to celebrate excellence in general practice – nominations for the 2021 RACGP Awards are now open.

The RACGP Awards celebrate exceptional individuals in Australian general practice for their outstanding achievements and contribution to the health of their community.

RACGP Rural Health Awards

RACGP Rural offers the following awards:

- **Brian Williams Award:** awarded to a rural GP
- **Rural GP in Training of the Year Award:** awarded to a GP registrar who is currently enrolled in the Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP) through a Training Organisation (RTO/RVTS)
- **Medical Student Bursary Award:** awarded to a medical student who is a member of a rural health students' club at an Australian university.

RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Awards

RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health offers the following awards:

- **Standing Strong Together Award** - celebrating partnerships between GPs and communities
- **Growing Strong Award** – to support the growth of a current GP in Training
- **Medical student award** – to support a current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical student

Nominate today by visiting the RACGP website: racgpawards.org.au

Nominations will close on Monday 19 July 2021. Please contact us if you have any questions via aboriginalhealth@racgp.org.au

RACGP Rural Awards

The RACGP Rural Awards recognise outstanding achievements and exceptional individuals for their contribution to rural general practice.

Brian Williams Award

The Brian Williams award is presented by RACGP Rural to commemorate the work of Dr Brian Williams, a rural GP and medical educator.

The aim of this award is to acknowledge medical practitioners, whose mentoring and support enables rural GPs to safely dedicate themselves to their patients, their families and their communities.

The Brian Williams Award is the highest accolade awarded by RACGP Rural to an RACGP member who has made a significant contribution to their personal and professional welfare and wellbeing of rural GPs.

Nominations can be made by two Fellows and one member of the RACGP.

Medical Student Bursary Award

The Rural Medical Student Bursary Award is awarded to a medical student who is a member of a rural health students' club at an Australian university who submits the best essay (maximum 1200 words) on the topic: How can we attract (and retain) medical graduates into rural and remote general practice?

Nominees must also be current student members of the RACGP.

Each essay nomination is judged on the following criteria:

- demonstrated understanding of rural general practice
- demonstrated evidence of innovative thinking
- interest in a career in rural general practice
- a written statement outlining the ways in which the bursary would support professional development

Rural GP in Training of the Year Award

The Rural GP in Training of the Year award recognises an exceptional GP in Training who demonstrates a commitment to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in rural or remote Australia. A nominee must be a GP in training who is currently enrolled in the Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP) through a Training Organisation (RTO/RVTS).

Criteria

- demonstrated commitment to rural general practice
- demonstrated commitment to learning and developing as a rural GP
- evidence of services to rural patients
- evidence of commitment and service to the rural practice in which they work
- evidence of service to the rural community in which they practice or have practices.

RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Awards

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health awards acknowledge those who have contributed to improving health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Standing Strong Together Award

The Standing Strong Together award celebrates partnerships between GPs and communities.

Who is eligible?

- Any Fellow or member of the RACGP or any group of GPs (one of whom must be a Fellow or member of the RACGP) that has worked in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person or community group who has worked with a GP(s) – who is a Fellow or member of the RACGP – to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Criteria

The nomination must involve a partnership between GP(s) and an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person or community group. Such partnerships could include:

- providing quality healthcare, access to healthcare and/or continuity of care to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
- running an event or program that encourages better health outcomes
- educating others to enable them to provide high-quality, culturally appropriate healthcare
- introducing changes to healthcare services that result in better health outcomes
- conducting research into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health for the purpose of improving health outcomes

Growing Strong Award

RACGP Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health invites Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander GPs in Training to nominate for the Growing Strong Award.

Nominees for the Growing Strong award must:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- currently be on the RACGP's GP training pathway
- have an interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- demonstrate a commitment to giving back to the community.

Nominees must also provide a written statement outlining how the Growing Strong award would support their professional development.

Medical student award

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Medical Student award is open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander medical students currently studying at an Australian University.

Nominees for the Medical Student award must:

- be a current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical student at an Australian University
- have an interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and a career in general practice.

Nominees must also provide a written statement outlining how the award would support their professional development.

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