

COSA Australian Psycho-Oncology Award 2014

Australia has a proud history of excellence in psycho-oncology care and research. The Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA), the Australian Psycho-Oncology Group (OZPOS), and the Psycho-Oncology Cooperative Research Group (PoCoG) have fostered this field of oncologic care and ensured its place as part of multi-disciplinary care. Consequently, our organisations are strong with many dedicated individuals contributing to ongoing development and excellence in this field. This award is an opportunity to recognise the highest level of contribution to psycho-oncology from amongst our members.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In choosing the recipients of the Australian Psycho-oncology Award, regard is given to the nominee's achievements and ongoing contribution to the discipline of psycho-oncology in Australia.

The selection criteria are:

- Demonstrated excellence in their field
- Significant contribution to the discipline of psycho-oncology in Australia
- An inspirational role model for the psycho-oncology professional community
- Have worked in Australia in the field of psycho-oncology for a substantial period of time
- Membership of COSA, OZPOS and PoCoG

The selection panel will also give consideration to the following in assessing and comparing nominations against the above criteria:

- Personal, academic and professional achievements
- Contribution in the field (how has the nominee contributed to benefit others)
- Demonstrated leadership, innovation and creativity
- Community involvement
- Future goals and likely impact
- Degree of difficulty of the achievement and sacrifices made
- Country of residence
- Previous awards and recognition
- Voluntary work beyond paid employment in the field of psycho-oncology
- Nature and length of activity or service
- Achievements as an individual or as part of a group or organisation
- Availability and commitment to promote national achievement in the field of psycho-oncology in Australia

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Self-nominations will not be accepted
- Members of the selection panel are not eligible

An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.

TIMELINES

Nominations close Friday 5 September 2014

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be made by a member of COSA, OZPOS and PoCoG.

Each nomination should include:

- An explanation of the nominee's work in the area of psycho-oncology care and/or research
- An evaluation of the accomplishments of the nominee
- Review and critical appraisal of the nominee's work from two individuals.

Nominations should be emailed to cosa@cancer.org.au with "Australian Psycho-Oncology Award nomination" in the subject line.

AWARD

In recognition of the significance of the Award it will be formally presented during the COSA Annual Scientific Meeting (in line with other COSA Awards). The award will involve:

- Statuette
- Recipient oration during Psycho-Oncology or Supportive Care Session
- Announcements in each organisations' newsletters

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this award and how to apply please contact:

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