



RDAQ Medical Student Presentations and Awards

Academic Award Application 2022

Are you a medical student who would like to present at the RDAQ conference?

Each year RDAQ offers an opportunity for medical students to be recognised for their commitment to rural communities by presenting the RDAQ Academic Award supported by the Rural Doctors Foundation.

This initiative aligns with RDAQs objective to promote research and career pathways to rural practice. Finalists will present during the RDAQ program and offered full conference registration with the generous support of Rural Doctors Foundation.

The overall winner will be awarded during the prestigious RDAQ gala dinner and awards held on Saturday 11 June.

For guideline and eligibility please refer to the information below.

KEY DATES:

Applications open: Now open
Application closes: 21 March 2022
Contact for enquiries: conference@rdaq.com.au

Eligibility

1. Each applicant must be a current medical student undertaking training at an Australian University
2. Each applicant student must be a member of their university rural health club
3. Applicants must be available to attend RDAQ conference to present their paper in the year of application
4. Applicants may be from courses undertaken at undergraduate or post-graduate level
5. Queensland based University Medical Schools (Bond University, Griffith University, James Cook University, University of Queensland) will be primarily recognized. However, medical students studying from interstate University Medical Schools may also submit a case report for consideration
6. The applicant acknowledges that with submission of the case report, RDAQ reserves the right to reproduce in full or in part, sections of the submitted case report for purposes related to the professional development of its members or education of rural communities.



Criteria

1. The applicant will have identified a case study which they have seen or been involved in with the supervision of a rural clinician in keeping with the theme of the current year's conference. The supervising clinician would not necessarily have to assist with preparation of the case report but would be able to suggest appropriate cases
2. The applicant will have identified and discussed the rural issues surrounding the case study (either clinical or contextual) with the case having relevance to the practice of rural medicine and the health of rural communities
3. The applicant will have reflected on what they've learnt in rural and remote medicine from this case study and how that issue was addressed for professional development purposes
4. The case report will be inclusive of a discussion and literature review succinct in the guidelines (500 -1000 words) review according to the clinical or contextual issue identified as being of relevance.
5. Each application will be in the format of a case report with length of 500 - 1000 words. A 25% leeway on length of submitted report excluding references and appendices will be adopted. An attached PowerPoint along with the case report would be beneficial to review the underlying case

Assessment

1. Submissions will be considered by a panel consisting of RDAQ members with suitable academic backgrounds as identified by RDAQ management committee and ratified by RDAQ President
2. Recommendations for finalists will be forwarded to RDAQ management committee for ratification 1 month prior to the RDAQ conference
3. Finalists will be invited to attend the conference and present their case report for consideration as the overall winner
4. Finalists will present their case report within the context of a student presentation session at the RDAQ Conference. Presentations will be considered in deliberations on the overall winner.

Recognition and support for finalists, to the overall winner of the Academic Award

A subsidy to attend RDAQ conference will be made available to finalist/s. Where possible travel and accommodation will be coordinated with the applicants Queensland based rural health club. Where the applicant lives interstate, they are encouraged to seek alternative sponsorship or funding to assist in the remaining attendance costs, including travel and accommodation.



RDAQ Academic Award prize package

Successful applicants will be given the opportunity to present their Case Report within the context of a Student Presentation session at the RDAQ Conference.

There will be one overall award winner for the academic prize. However, each medical student presenting at the RDAQ conference will receive a finalist certificate to recognize his/her contribution and achievement. They will be acknowledged separately in the lead-up to the award winning of the Academic Award.

ALL finalists of the RDAQ Academic Award will receive:

1. Recognition in conference handbook
2. Attend conference as a guest speaker
3. Inclusion to all student programs and social events
4. Complimentary conference registration
5. A finalist certificate

The overall winner of the RDAQ Academic Award will receive:

1. RDAQ Conference registration in the year following the award (this is not transferable)
2. Recognition in conference handbook
3. Inclusion to all student programs and social events
4. A bursary of \$500 towards travel and accommodation expenses to attend the first RDAQ conference following your graduation. (This is not transferable if the student chooses to not attend).
5. The overall winner will be presented with their award during the course of the conference.

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RDAQ Academic Award application form

Name: _____

Postal address: _____

Suburb: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Institution & degree: _____

Year of study: _____

Award Application requirements:

Please include the following:

- Title of presentation
- Synopsis (50 - 80 words)
- Abstract (200 - 250 words)
- Case report
- Bio - (80 -100 words)
- Headshot (jpeg or similar)

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