



RDAQ Medical Student Presentations and Awards

Academic Award Application 2023

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 RDAQ's 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.

Finalists will be required to arrange and/ or fund travel and accommodations (in Queensland each university rural health club may be able to assist in coordinating a travel package).

The overall winner will be awarded during the prestigious RDAQ gala dinner and awards held on Saturday 10 June 2023.

For guideline and eligibility please refer to the information below.

KEY DATES:

Applications open: Now open
Application closes: 9 May 2023
Contact for enquiries: conference@rdaq.com.au

Eligibility

Please provide a statement confirming your eligibility for the following:

1. Each applicant must be a current medical student undertaking training at an Australian University
2. Applicants must be available to attend RDAQ conference to present their paper in the year of application
3. Applicants may be from courses undertaken at undergraduate or post-graduate level
4. Applicants with an intent on practising in rural Queensland will be prioritized.
5. Applicants acknowledge 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.

Requirements for written submission:

The applicant will provide a written case report on a case study which they have seen or been involved in with the supervision of a rural clinician. (The supervising clinician would not necessarily have to assist with preparation of the case report but would be able to suggest appropriate cases.)

The case report will:

1. Be a minimum of 500 and maximum of 1000 words.
2. Identify and discuss the rural issues surrounding the case (either clinical or contextual) and demonstrate how the issues are relevant to the practice of rural medicine and the health of rural communities.
3. Reflect on learnings the case presents for rural and remote medicine and how the issues presented were addressed for professional development purposes.
4. Provide a succinct literature review (500 -1000 words) review according to the relevant clinical or contextual issue identified.

Criteria for shortlisting written submissions is provided below.

** A 25% leeway on length of submitted report excluding references and appendices will be adopted.*

Requirements for academic presentation (for finalists):

Finalists will be required to present one or more recommended strategies to address issues identified in their case report. This could include how to address gaps in health services, preventative or public health measures, an education strategy or identify existing preventative and public health measures relevant to the identified rural community.

Finalists will be required to:

1. Submit a powerpoint presentation not less than 14 days before the presentation.
2. Present at RDAQ annual conference on Saturday 10 June.
Presentations are to be no longer than 10 minutes (excluding question time - question time will be confirmed on notification of shortlisting).

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| Rating criterial for written submission: | Applicant must meet eligibility requirements. Submission must meet written requirements. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Relevance of case report to rural medicine and rural communities.2. Quality of learnings discussed.3. Quality of literature review. |
| Rating criteria for academic presentation: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Content accuracy, depth and relevance to rural medicine and rural communities.2. Quality of preparedness and research3. Quality of presentation & use of allocated time. |

Process of assessment for overall winner:

1. Written submissions will be considered by the RDAQ executive committee and ratified by RDAQ President
2. Written submissions will be ranked to short list finalists.
3. Finalists will be invited to attend the conference and present their case report for consideration as the overall winner.
4. The overall winner will be assessed on a combine score of the written and presentation components.

Recognition and support for finalists:

A subsidy to attend RDAQ conference will be made available to finalist/s. Where possible travel and accommodation will be coordinated with the applicant's 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 recipient chooses to not attend that year).
5. The overall winner will be presented with their award during the course of the conference.

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Contact for enquiries or application: conference@rdag.com.au

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 case study
- Title of presentation
- Synopsis (50 - 80 words)
- Abstract (150 - 200 words)
- Case report (500 - 1000 words)
- Literature review (500 - 1000 words)

Additional material to attach:

- Biography - (50 -100 words)
- Headshot (format: jpeg or similar)

Finalists' submission requirements (following confirmation of shortlisting):

1. Confirm presentation title.
2. Synopsis of presentation 50-80 words.
3. Abstract of presentation 150 - 200 words.
4. Submit a draft powerpoint presentation not less than 14 days before the presentation.
5. Updated literature review and references.

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Apply to: conference@rdag.com.au