



AAG (SA/NT) Research Awards - 2009

To promote gerontological research in South Australia, the Australian Association of Gerontology (SA/NT) is offering an award to researchers developing a research profile in gerontology.

The purpose of the award is to recognise the achievements of South Australian researchers, to encourage people to undertake and continue their research activities, and to encourage the dissemination and promotion of current research.

The award is offered to researchers who have published or formally presented work in one of the following categories of research:

- **Applied** – original work undertaken in order to acquire new knowledge with a specific application in view. It is undertaken either to determine possible uses for the findings of basic research or to determine new methods or ways of achieving some specific and predetermined objectives (ABS definition).
- **Strategic** – (in human services field) generates knowledge about specific health and well being needs and problems. These may be conditions, risk factors or sources of inefficiency or inequity.
- **Evaluative** – work designed to allow judgements to be made about a program, project or service. Evaluation uses a range of methods to monitor the process and impact of a project or program against predetermined objectives and indicators.
- **Fundamental/Basic** – this research generates knowledge about problems of scientific significance.

The awardee will receive

- A certificate of achievement
- A prize of \$500
- An annual membership subscription to the Australian Association of Gerontology (if not currently a member)
- The opportunity to present a paper at the AAG SA Gerontology Conference on 28 August 2009 in Adelaide.

For further information about the awards please contact Dr Robert Penhall at 8222 5215
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or

For criteria, rules, procedures and application forms contact Ross Atkinson at 8224 5513 ratkinson@seniorsvoice.org.au

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 26 June 2009

Criteria, Rules and Procedures for the AAG (SA/NT) Research Awards – 2009

Please read carefully – failure to provide all requirements may render your application ineligible.

Criteria

1. The research is to be about older people, will benefit older people and has long term applicability.
2. The awards are open to researchers developing a research profile in gerontology.
3. Applicants must have made a substantial intellectual input and had a major role in the conduct, analysis and reporting of results.
4. The research is to address at least one of the following outcomes
 - (a) Improving quality of life
 - (b) Identifying and reducing inequalities
 - (c) Addressing the social determinants of health
 - (d) Generating new knowledge and evidence
 - (e) Policy development in the human services sector or across government to improve quality of life
 - (f) Integrated services and approaches
 - (g) Improving the performance and equity of the human services sector
 - (h) Research outcomes that are sustainable and generalisable (transferable)
5. The research needs to include some form of empirical analysis whether quantitative or qualitative.
6. The research is to be completed (or near completion).
7. The research is to have been published or accepted for publication or formally presented or accepted for presentation (for example at a conference).
8. Awardees will be expected to make a presentation based on their research at the Australian Association of Gerontology SA Gerontology Conference in Adelaide, August 28 2009.

Rules

1. Candidates must submit one entry only.
2. Organisations wishing to apply will need to nominate one person to represent the work (for example, the Project Manager).
3. For collaborative researchers, applicants must be able to demonstrate clearly their role in the research project and which aspects of the research process were theirs alone and reflects their intellectual property.
4. Key collaborators (up to three) are asked to complete **FORM D** providing information regarding their role and that of the applicant in this research project.
5. The Award will be presented to entries from any category subject to relative merit.
6. Each year AAG (SA/NT) shall appoint a panel of three persons to judge entries. The panel's decision is final and if, in the opinion of the panel, entries are not of sufficiently high standard to justify an award, the panel reserves the right not to offer an award or awards.
7. Applications will be acknowledged on receipt.

Procedures

1. Entry must be made via the application form. **(FORM A)**
2. Each application must be accompanied by:
 - A statement (not more than 1000 words) which summarises the applicant's research project and the significance and contribution of the project to ageing research. **(FORM B)**
 - Complete text of research product (full text of conference presentation, publications, final report etc).
 - Brief Curriculum Vitae (1-2 pages).
 - A statement from the applicant (not more than 300 words) describing their status as a researcher in the formative phase of developing a research profile in gerontology. **(FORM C)**
 - Where applicable, statements are required from key collaborators (up to three) stating their role and that of the applicant in this research project. **(FORM D)**
3. **Two copies** of all items must be submitted.

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FORM A Application Form

NAME.....

CURRENT APPOINTMENT.....

ORGANISATION.....

CONTACT DETAILS

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE..... EMAIL.....

CATEGORY(IES) OF RESEARCH (*tick*) OUTCOMES ADDRESSED (indicate letter/s)

Applied () Evaluative ()

Strategic () Fundamental/Basic ()

TITLE OF ENTRY.....

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ITEMS INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM (*2 copies*)

1. Complete text of research product *tick*
(full text of conference presentation, publications, final report etc) ()
2. Curriculum Vitae (*2 page maximum*) ()
3. Statement summarising the applicant(s) research project - **FORM B** ()
4. Statement from the applicant describing status as a researcher in the formative phase of developing a research profile in gerontology - **FORM C** ()
5. Statement(s) (where applicable) from key collaborators - **FORM D** ()
Please ensure that FORM D is returned to AAG by the closing date for applications.

DECLARATION

- I declare that I have read the criteria, rules and procedures for the AAG SA/NT Research Awards and agree to abide by them.

Signature.....

Date.....

- If my application is successful, I am available to make a presentation at the Australian Association of Gerontology National Conference 21-23 November 2007.
() YES () NO

IMPORTANT DATES

- 26 June 2009** Application closing date
17 July 2009 Notification of Awardees
28 August 2009 Presentation of Awards

Applications to be submitted to:
AAG SA/NT Research Awards
c/o Ross Atkinson
AAG Secretariat
COTA SA
45 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000

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FORM B Applicant Statement 1

Please provide a statement below (not more than 1000 words) that summarises your research project and the significance and contribution of the project to ageing research.

For collaborative projects, please demonstrate your role in the research project, including those aspects of the research process that were yours alone and reflect your intellectual property.

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FORM C Applicant Statement 2

Please provide a brief statement below (not more than 300 words) describing your status as a researcher in the formative phase of developing a research profile in gerontology

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FORM D Co-researchers statement

- Where the applicant's entry is part of a collaborative project, co-researchers (up to 3) are asked to provide short statements regarding their role and that of the applicant in this research project.
- Please refer to the 'joint NHMRC/AVCC guidelines for determining Authorship' below, as a guide for the criteria to be applied to describe contributions.....

*"Authorship is substantial participation, where all the following conditions are met:
a) conception and design, or analysis and interpretation of data; and b) drafting the article or revising it critically for important intellectual content; and c) final approval of the version to be published. Participation solely in the acquisition of funding or the collection of data does not justify authorship....an author's role in a research output must be sufficient for that person to take public responsibility for at least that part of the output in that person's area of expertise."*

(www.health.gov.au/nhmrc/research/general/nhmrcavc.htm)

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APPLICANT'S NAME.....

RESEARCH PROJECT TITLE

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CO-RESEARCHER'S NAME.....

CONTACT DETAILS

ADDRESS.....

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TELEPHONE..... EMAIL.....

1. What was your role in this research project?

2. What was the applicant's role in this research project?

3. Please provide a short statement regarding the applicant's status as a researcher in the formative phase of developing a research profile in gerontology.

4. Please provide a short statement evaluating the applicant's suitability for this award.