

ANZAED Rural and Remote Clinician Scholarships

Terms Used in this Document

- ANZAED: Australia and New Zealand Academy for Eating Disorders

Purpose of the Award

The purpose of these Scholarships is to support the development of Australian and New Zealand clinicians/health professionals who are working in a clinical/health care capacity in the field of eating disorders in remote, rural and regional areas of Australia or New Zealand. The Scholarships will fund two clinicians to attend the upcoming ANZAED Annual Conference. The successful recipients will demonstrate that their attendance at the upcoming ANZAED Annual Conference will be of substantial benefit to their workplace, colleagues, community, and/or clients, as well as to their development as a clinician in the field of eating disorders, and that there is a demonstrable need for attendance due to lack of access to other professional development activities in their area.

Award Support

1. Full registration for the upcoming ANZAED Annual Conference

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be members of ANZAED, and
2. Applicants must be currently working as a clinician/health professional in a capacity that involves contact with clients with eating disorders, and
3. Applicants must be working in a remote, rural or regional area as defined by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Stats NZ
4. Current members of the ANZAED Executive Committee are not eligible to apply

Selection Criteria

50% - Demonstrated Benefit to the Clinician/Health Professional's Workplace (colleagues, organization, clients) and the Community

The Applicant must demonstrate in their Personal Statement how their attendance at the ANZAED Annual Conference will benefit their workplace, colleagues, clients and/or the community.

30% - Demonstrated Need

The Applicant must demonstrate why there is a need for the scholarship and the benefits it will provide. This will be in reference to professional development opportunities in their remote, rural, or regional setting and may include, but is not limited to factors such as limited access to resources, distance from closest urban area with relevant resources, lack of available expertise, and lack of funding.

20% - Demonstrated Benefit to the Applicant

The Applicant must demonstrate in their Personal Statement that their attendance at the upcoming ANZAED Annual Conference will be of significant benefit to their career development.

Application Materials and Procedure

1. Applicants must submit the following materials in their application:
5. Evidence of status as a clinician/health professional in a capacity that involves contact with clients with eating disorders, (e.g., letter from employer/manager/informed senior eating disorder clinician)
 - a. A personal statement (of no more than 500 words) addressing the selection criteria above, and also stating the rural/regional/remote area within which the applicant works
 - b. A current curriculum vitae
2. These materials must be submitted via email to ANZAED (addressed to: anzaed@anzaed.org.au, subject line: "Rural and Remote Clinician Scholarship Application") by the time and date specified on the ANZAED website.

Selection Procedures

Eligibility, including ANZAED membership status and confirmation of the work setting as remote/rural/regional, will be verified by ANZAED prior to the full review of applications. All eligible applications will be reviewed by a panel of no fewer than 3 reviewers, selected by the ANZAED Executive Committee. The panel will score the applications according to the Selection Criteria. The two top-ranked applications will be sent to the ANZAED Executive Committee for approval.

Notification and Acceptance of the Award

- The successful applicants will be notified by ANZAED no later than February 28th
- If an applicant chooses not to attend the conference, they must notify ANZAED and relinquish the Scholarship, including any funds that may have been paid. In exceptional circumstances, a written request may be submitted to ANZAED to consider holding the Scholarship over until the following year.
- The successful applicants will be asked to provide one post of 150 words suitable for social media stating what was gained from attending the conference and receiving the scholarship.