

ANZAED/AED Early Investigator Travel Scholarship

Terms Used in this Document

- ANZAED: Australia and New Zealand Academy for Eating Disorders
- AED: Academy for Eating Disorders
- ICED: International Conference on Eating Disorders

Purpose of the Award

This award is for new and early career investigators who have an Abstract accepted and will present their research (poster or oral presentation) at the upcoming International Conference on Eating Disorders (ICED), run by the international Academy of Eating Disorders (AED). The purpose of the award is for ANZAED to support the development of and opportunities for emerging researchers in eating disorders in Australia and New Zealand.

Award Support

Two Scholarships will be awarded to the top two applicants. The Scholarships comprise:

1. Full registration for the upcoming ICED, and
2. Full registration for the pre-conference Research Training Day, and
3. An invitation to the AED Mentor/Mentee Breakfast, and
4. \$2,000 AUD will be provided to the first-placed applicant, and \$1,000 AUD to the second-placed applicant for travel expenses. The monetary award is typically provided to support travel to the conference. However, as a result of the need to hold the conference virtually, the 2021 scholarship will continue to support the research careers of the winners by presenting the first and second prizes to the values above in the form of a research stipend in lieu of a travel allowance. This will be administered by the winners' academic institution or place of work.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be members of ANZAED. and
2. Applicants must be honours/fourth year students, postgraduate students, or within 3 years of fourth-year or postgraduate degree. Career disruptions that result in an applicant being > 3 years post their highest awarded degree will be taken into consideration and should be explained in the application.
3. Applicant must have abstract(s) (poster and/or oral) accepted for presentation at the upcoming ICED, for which they are first author
4. An applicant cannot have previously received either the AED/ANZAED Young Investigator Travel Scholarship (pre 2018) or first prize in the AED/ANZAED Early Investigator Travel Scholarship (2018 onwards).
5. Current members of the ANZAED Executive Committee are not eligible to apply

Selection Criteria

60% - Research to be Presented

The research to be presented at the conference as described in the abstract submission, will be evaluated according to the quality (e.g., in terms of research design), clarity (e.g., whether the

study aims, methods, findings and conclusions are clearly communicated) and significance (e.g., the importance or impact of the study to the field of eating disorders) of the research.

40% - Research potential of the Applicant

The Applicant's research potential and impact of the scholarship on the Applicant also comprise selection criteria. These will be evaluated on the basis of the Applicant's CV and the case the Applicant presents in their personal statement for the impact that the Scholarship will have on their future research training/career, and the Applicant's demonstrated commitment and potential to make a significant contribution to the field of eating disorders research.

Application Materials and Procedure

1. Applicants must submit the following materials in their application:
 - a. Abstract(s) for the upcoming ICED
 - b. Confirmation email from AED of acceptance of the abstract for presentation at the upcoming ICED (poster or oral)
 - c. A current curriculum vitae
 - d. A personal statement (of no more than 500 words) explaining 1) the quality, significance and innovativeness of the research you will be presenting at ICED, 2) your potential to make a significant contribution to the field of eating disorder research, and 3) the impact that this Scholarship will have on your future research training/career
 - e. Verification of status as an early investigator as defined under Eligibility Criteria (e.g., a letter from current training program/supervisor, degree conferral with date)
2. These materials must be submitted via email to ANZAED (addressed to: anzaed@anzaed.org.au, subject line: "Travel Scholarship Application") by the time and date specified on the ANZAED website.

Selection Procedures

Eligibility, including ANZAED membership status, 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 and AED Scientific and Awards Committee for approval.

Notification and Acceptance of the Award

- Successful applicants will be notified by ANZAED no later than January 31st, following submission of the Scholarship application.
- If an applicant is successful in being awarded more than one AED Travel Fellowship for the upcoming conference, they must only accept ONE such award from ANZAED/AED or AED.
- If the 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 (pending acceptance of an abstract and attendance at the conference).