

Peter Snow Memorial Award

Celebrating Outstanding Achievement in Rural Health Research, Projects, Innovation and Service

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS AND NOMINATORS

Purpose of the award

The Peter Snow memorial award honours the life and work of Dr Peter Snow who died in March 2006. Peter Snow was a rural general practitioner based in Tapanui. As well as caring for his patients, Peter was President of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and was a member of the Otago Hospital Board and District Health Board. He was enthusiastic and active in seeking knowledge to improve the health and safety of rural communities. His work contributed to the identification of “chronic fatigue syndrome” and he was influential in raising safety awareness on issues related to farming accidents.

This award celebrates Peter Snow’s contribution to rural communities as well as supporting, encouraging and recognising outstanding contribution to rural health, either in service, health research or innovations.

Nature of the award

The Peter Snow memorial award is open to current and retired general practitioners, rural nurses and undergraduate and postgraduate trainees who are based in New Zealand. An award of **\$1000 and a medal** will be presented annually at the New Zealand Rural General Practice Network (NZRGPN) Conference for excellence on projects of innovation and/or service related to rural health in New Zealand.

One award is available each year and this will be presented to the selected individual or as a shared award for a pair or team.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the award applicants or nominees must:

1. *Have New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence;*
2. *Be a current or retired New Zealand registered medical practitioner or nurse/or be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate medical or nursing education programme;*
3. *Have completed individually (or as part of a team) an innovation project and/or service related to rural health in New Zealand;*
4. *Submit a report outlining the innovation or service that has been completed in the two years prior to the closing date for applications;*
5. *Be nominated by two peers.*

Important Notes:

- a) A person (the “applicant”) may apply on his/her own behalf for the award, for either an innovation project and/or service activity; in which case two other people will be required to sign as “referees”.
- b) A person (the “nominator”) may nominate another person (the “subject” of the application) for the award; in which case a further person will be required to sign as “seconder”.
- c) Reports may be of published or unpublished service.
- d) In both categories (innovation/service and research) there are application and nomination forms. Please select the correct one.

Selection criteria for the award

A selection panel of doctor and nurse members of the NZRGPN executive plus an academic general practitioner and nurse will consider applications. The panel reserves the right not to offer the award if it deems that applications do not fulfill the selection criteria for the award, however NZRGPN executive members will encourage the nomination of peers. In the event that no nominees are received, then the NZRGPN executive may make nominations.

An innovation or reasearch project should:

- *be related to rural health in New Zealand and address current and or important issues*
- *add to the body of knowledge on rural health issues in New Zealand*
- *be evidence based and ethical.*

And the application should include

a description of the innovation

a review of the literature if appropriate

clear description of methods

a discussion of the significance of the conclusions for rural health.

A nomination for an award based on outstanding service to rural health should:

- describe the nature of the service
- include evidence or testimonials
- clearly describe how this service has impacted on rural health in general or on a specific community.

Closing date for applications/nominations

The closing date for the Peter Snow Memorial Award is **5.00pm January 20, 2012**. Applicants will be notified as to the outcome of their applications by **February 17, 2012**.

Submission of the application/nomination

To submit an application complete the application form and attach one double-spaced, typed copy of the project/service description.

Please send your application/nomination to:

*Administrator
Peter Snow Memorial Award
New Zealand Rural General Practice Network
PO Box 547
Wellington 6140*

Announcement and presentation of the award

The award will be presented at the NZRGPN annual conference and will be announced in the NZRGPN newsletter and on the website.

Presentation of paper at the conference

It is expected that the recipient of the award will present a paper at a future conference based on their project or service.