

44th International Mental Health Nursing Conference

ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARDS

Please read the eligibility criteria carefully for each of the awards below.

Presenters will not be able to put their presentation forward for these awards at any time other than during the abstract submission process.

1. Eligibility for the Research Award

To be eligible for the Research Award, the abstract must report on a research project that is completed, or a completed section of a program of research, and that has ethical approval, or quality improvement (minimal risk) approval or is a systematic review or a quality improvement project.

Abstracts to be considered for the annual Research Award

- Abstract Title
- Author (s) Surname, Initial. Organisation Affiliation
- Introduction and background
- Aims/Objectives/Hypotheses
- Methodology and methods
- Results
- Outcomes/significance/implications for the profession
- Translation to policy and/or practice change
- Identify 2-3 learning objectives significant to the paper/poster

2. Eligibility for Stan Alchin Award

The Stan Alchin Award is presented to the best clinical paper presented by a clinician or group of clinicians. To be eligible for the ACMHN Stan Alchin Award it is a requirement that presenters and authors are clinicians at the time of presentation.



Abstracts to be considered for the Stan Alchin Award

- Abstract title
- Author (s) surname, initial. Organisation affiliation
- Introduction and background
- Aims/objectives
- Project description/description of the work
- Outcomes/significance/policy and practice change
- Implications for mental health nursing
- Identify 2-3 learning objectives significant to paper/poster/workshop

3. Eligibility for General Award

The General Award is presented for the best paper presented reporting on management/administration/policy issues, project work, Masters, PhD or other research that does not meet the criteria for the Research Award and the Stan Alchin Award.

Abstracts to be considered for General Papers Award

- Abstract title
- Author (s) surname, initial. Organisation affiliation
- Introduction and background
- Aims/objectives
- Project description/description of the work
- Outcomes/significance/policy and practice change
- Implications for mental health nursing
- Identify 2-3 learning objectives significant to paper/poster/workshop

4. Eligibility for Best First Time Presenter Award

The Best First Time Presenter Award is presented to the individual who has never presented at a conference with more than 250 delegates before. You will be presenting for the first time outside of their organisation/place of work/tertiary institution. The presenter must be the first author on the presentation and the main presenter.

Abstracts to be considered for the First Time Presenter Award

- Abstract title
- Author (s) surname, initial. Organisation affiliation
- Introduction and back ground
- Aims/objectives
- Description of the work
- Outcomes/significance/policy and practice change
- Implications for mental health nursing
- Identify 2-3 learning objectives significant to paper/poster/workshop

5. Eligibility for Clinical Supervision Award

Abstracts assessing eligibility for the below awards will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **‘Best Conference Presentation on Clinical Supervision’**
- **‘Best First-time Conference Presenter on Clinical Supervision’**
- **‘Best Poster on Clinical Supervision’**

Eligibility

To be eligible for an ACMHN Clinical Supervision Award, the presenter/s must report on a clinical supervision project/implementation process or research project that is substantially completed and from which implications for practice can be made.

Award Criteria

Presentations eligible for the ‘Best Conference Paper on Clinical Supervision’, ‘Best First-time Conference Presenter’ and ‘Best Poster’ will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Primary focus of the presentation is current CS practice in Australia
2. Introduction and background, including the aims and objectives and scope of the project/process
3. Reference to theoretical influences underpinning the work (eg. model of CS)

4. Project description including challenges in undertaking the project/process and how they were responded to/overcome
5. Implementation process/project outcomes and evaluation
6. Discussion including barriers and enablers to engagement in CS by mental health nurses
7. Implications for mental health nursing (eg. contribution to new knowledge, implementing and sustaining CS practice, clinical and/or policy development) and any implications noted for consumers/carers/community.
8.
 - a) Oral Presentations: Overall presentation including audience engagement and discussion
 - b) Poster Presentation: Overall presentation incorporating Criteria 1-7 in a creative and visually appealing manner

Process For Determining The Clinical Supervision Awards

Rating for each of the above criteria will be from 1 (very poor) to 10 (Excellent). The awards will be granted to the presentation gaining the highest overall score in each of the three categories.

Representatives of the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses and Clinical Supervision Consultancy will have responsibility for rating each presentation and determining the successful recipients of the Clinical Supervision Awards.

Presentation of the Clinical Supervision Award

The sponsor, Clinical Supervision Consultancy – Paul Spurr & Associates, will present the Clinical Supervision Awards on the final day of the annual Australian Mental Health Nurses' Conference

Other Conditions

A minimum of three (3) oral presentations on CS are required in order for the best overall presentation and best first-time presenter awards to be conferred.

The 'Best first-time presenter' can also be awarded to the main award recipient if it is their first conference presentation, and will not be awarded if all the oral presentations are not by a first-time presenter.

A minimum of three (3) posters on CS are required in order for the 'Best Poster' Award to be conferred.

The Clinical Supervision Award recipient/s agree to photos with the sponsor, and to submit an accompanying news article to the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses for publication in their newsletter. The news article (700 - 1000 words) should provide an overview of their presentation.

6. Best Poster Award

All posters are eligible for the Best Poster Award and will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Contribution to mental health knowledge is demonstrated
- Contribution to mental health practice is demonstrated
- Visually appealing, legible font and not crowded
- Content is clear, concise and original
- Relevance to mental health nursing and implications for mental health practice is shown

Abstracts to be considered for the Best Poster Award

- Abstract title
- Author (s) surname, initial. Organisation affiliation
- Introduction and background
- Aims/objectives
- Project description/description of the work
- Outcomes/significance/policy and practice change
- Implications for mental health nursing
- Identify 2-3 learning objectives significant to paper/poster/workshop