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History

These awards were established to recognize occupational therapists undertaking research and contributing to the evidence base of occupational therapy.

Frequency

The Awards are available on a biennial basis.

Eligibility

An occupational therapist who has completed research into aspect of occupational therapy practice, or research into issues relevant to occupational therapy, that has been published in the past two years.

The team award is for an occupational therapist leading a team or a team of occupational therapists who have completed research into an aspect of occupational therapy practice or Issue relevant to occupational therapy that has been published in the past two years.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- Applicants must be a member of Occupational Therapy Australia for at least the last five continuous years (unless a student, where membership of OTA can be a year)
- Applicants must be a resident of Australia.
- In Category 4 the majority of OT's within the research team must be members of OTA

Category 1 - Early Career Researcher

Research conducted by an occupational therapist prior to completion of their PhD or up to a maximum of four years' academic research experience following the completion of their PhD, or be of equivalent professional standing.

Category 2 - Mid Career Researcher

This category refers to research conducted by an occupational therapist 5-10 years from the award of their PhD or with equivalent professional standing.

Category 3 - Clinical Researcher

This category refers to research undertaken by an occupational therapist, who holds a substantive clinical position.

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Category 4 – Research Team

This category refers to research undertaken by a team where the lead investigator is an occupational therapist.

Applications will be considered against the following with consideration to the relevance of the criteria for each of the categories:

- Contribution to occupational therapy practice and knowledge
- Number of published articles and range of journals published in (including international journals)
- Number of conference presentations and range of conferences presented at (including international conferences)
- Mentoring and supervision of other occupational therapy researchers
- International research collaboration

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Application Process

- Will be electronic
- Applications must be the following: o A resume of the applicant(s)
    - A statement addressing the criteria that the applications will be considered against.
    - Two written references
    - Between 1 and 3 articles published in the past three years demonstrating the area of research being presented.
    - A 400-500 word biography
    - A high resolution photo

Selection Panel:

- Will consist of three members of the Occupational Therapy Australia Research Academy

Funding/ Budget:

- OTA Budget

Prize:

- Early Career ($500)
- Mid-Career–studies ($500)
- Clinician ($500)
- Research Team ($500)
- Framed Certificate

Presentation of the Award

The award will be presented at the Occupational Therapy Australia National Conference.

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