



THE COLLEGE PRIZE

Inaugurated in 1975, this prize is awarded by the College Council to a veterinarian who makes an outstanding contribution to veterinary science or veterinary practice in Australia or New Zealand, without the support of an academic environment. The successful candidate will have worked either as a veterinarian in general or referral practice as a clinician, as a veterinarian in government or agriculture or as a veterinarian in the area of applied research.

Selection criteria

The selection panel will specifically consider:

- a) the nature and value of the contribution to the field of veterinary science
- b) the resourcefulness of the candidate in carrying out the work
- c) professional activities
- d) that the candidate has not received the award in the previous five (5) years.

The above criteria need to be met in order to award the College Prize. Should no candidate fulfill the criteria in any given year, the College Prize will not be awarded that year.

Guidelines for assessment Criteria

a) The Contribution

The field of activity is not as important as the impact. In addition to the traditional fields of veterinary science, relevant activities could include training, technology transfer producing economic or social benefits, improving societal and governmental understanding of animal issues, establishment of mutually beneficial business linkages etc.

The contribution must:

- Demonstrate significant value to and have impact on the field
- Demonstrate an improvement or change in the field of endeavour that definitively benefits animal health, welfare or society and/or the profession
- Have the potential to have a long-term sustained impact on animal health, welfare and or society and/or the profession.

b) The person

Contributing in an outstanding way to the field of veterinary science or practice is a difficult achievement, especially without the resources and facilities of academia. Strong candidates for the College Prize will be those who continue to make the effort under less than ideal conditions, cement friendships and develop linkages of ongoing value within the profession and society. Commitment and compassion in the performance of the achievement are important criteria for the award. Self-interest should not be the only motive for undertaking the work.

In assessing the value of the contribution, the candidate should be shown to have:

- Leadership in the context of identifying and working towards the desired outcome
- Sustained effort in working to achieve the outcome
- Initiative in achieving the outcome with limited resources
- Commitment and compassion in achieving the outcome.

c) The activities

Most of the activities leading up to the award should have been carried out in Australia or New Zealand.

Procedure

1. Nominations should be sent to the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, online (email/form) or by post to Building 3/2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains, Queensland 4113. The nominator(s) should consider the above criteria in preparing the nomination. Nominations close **end of February each year**. No nominations will be accepted after this date, unless otherwise advised.
2. The nominator(s) must provide a curriculum vitae. Details of dates and periods actually spent in the execution of the work should be given.
3. The nominator(s) may arrange for statements from referees who have observed the nominee's activities at close quarters to support the nomination. The references should be sent direct and in confidence to the Administration Manager. Referees should be provided with a copy of the criteria described above.
4. The submission should contain specific examples of the candidate's work in projects including information on the success of the project, training aspects of the project, difficulties overcome and the candidate's interaction with their colleagues.

The Nominations must include –

- Address and contact details
- Year and place of graduation
- CV with emphasis on activities giving details of dates and periods actually spent in the execution of their work. Give specific examples of candidate's work in projects including success of project, training aspects, difficulties overcome
- Statements from referees who have been provided with a copy of the criteria (College Prize guidelines) and who have observed the candidate's activities at close quarters. References to be sent in confidence to the Administration Manager. These statements should be made against the selection criteria.
- Citation of no more than 400 words to be read out at the Awards Ceremony and published on the College Website.

Selection Panel:

The President, Past President (or a sitting Member of Council) and Awards Committee Convenor of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists.

Judgements are final and no further correspondence will be entered into.