



THE IAN CLUNIES ROSS MEMORIAL AWARD

Inaugurated in 1979, this award has high academic and/or research accomplishment as its primary requisite, and is awarded to a veterinarian making an outstanding contribution to veterinary science in Australia and New Zealand especially during the preceding five years.

Selection criteria

The selection panel will specifically consider:

- a) the nature and value of the academic and / or research component of the contribution to the field of veterinary science in Australia and New Zealand
- b) the ability of the candidate to communicate the outcomes of the aforementioned work by teaching and publishing
- c) that the candidate has not received the award in the previous five (5) years.

The above criteria need to be addressed in order to be able to award the Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Award. Should no candidate fulfill the criteria in any given year, the Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Award 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 taking the field forward to a new level. In addition to 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 or trade linkages etc.

The contribution must

- Demonstrate significant value to and have impact on the field of activity.
- Demonstrate a definitive improvement or change in the field of endeavour that has taken the field forward to a new level in Australia and New Zealand
- Have a proven long-term impact
- Must demonstrate a significant improvement or change in the field of endeavour that definitively benefits animal health, welfare or society and / or the profession in Australia and New Zealand.

b) The person

Contributing in an outstanding practical way to the field of veterinary science or practice is an admirable achievement for those in academia or research. However, strong candidates for the Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Award will be those who have demonstrated their abilities to communicate their research outcomes well to the profession (i.e. teaching undergraduates, graduates or postgraduates) as well as to the community.

Additionally, the candidates should have demonstrated continued efforts in their field of endeavour, while developing linkages of ongoing value within the profession and society. Commitment and compassion in the performance of the achievement are important criteria for the award.

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 and continued effort in working to achieve the outcome
- Initiative in achieving the outcome
- Effectively communicated the results of their research outcomes to the profession and community
- Commitment and compassion in achieving the outcome.

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 sponsor should consider the above criteria in preparing the nomination. Nominations close **end of February each year**, and no nominations will be accepted after this date, unless otherwise advised.
2. The sponsor should provide a brief (< 2 pages) curriculum vitae of the proposed award recipient. Details of dates and periods actually spent in the execution of the work should be given. Address and contact details as well as year and place of graduation of the nominee should be provided.
3. The sponsor may arrange for statements from referees who have observed the candidate'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 his or her colleagues.
5. 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.