



THE TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Society provides a number of benefits for members, which include support to attend national and international transplantation meetings and reduced fees at meetings sponsored by the society.

The eligibility criteria for each award are outlined below and will form the basis for selecting suitable applicants. If there are more applicants than available funds, TSANZ Council will use its discretion to determine the final allocation of these awards.

AWARDS AT THE ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (ASM)

1. President's Prizes - Clinical Research & Basic Science

The two President's Prizes are awarded by TSANZ to the best early career investigators who are current financial members of the Society. The awards will be based on a submitted abstract and invited oral presentation of research performed by the applicant in the President's Prize Symposium at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The current value of each award is up to the value of \$2,500 to attend an overseas scientific meeting. The money is to cover the cost of travel, registration and accommodation and should be used within two years of winning the prize. An additional \$500 prize for personal use is provided. Applicants must indicate their intention to be considered for the Presidents Prize on their abstract submission form.

Eligibility - Clinical Researcher Award: To be eligible for this category the applicant must be a clinician working in their field either full-time or part-time equivalent and be within 3 years (or 3 years full-time equivalent where a career disruption exists*) of completing their highest degree/specialist qualification at the closing date of the awards.

Eligibility - Basic Science Researcher Award: To be eligible for this category the applicant must be either a full-time or part-time student or researcher within 5 years (or 5 years full-time equivalent where a career disruption exists*) of conferral of a postgraduate research degree at the closing date of the awards.

2. Early Career Researcher Awards provide assistance with travel/registration for the annual TSANZ meeting. This award provides a return airfare from city of origin plus registration fee.

To be **eligible** for these awards applicants must:

- be a current financial member of the Society
- be within 3 (Clinical Researchers) or 5 (Basic Science Researchers) years of conferral of a specialist qualification/postgraduate research degree, or full-time equivalent where a career disruption exists* at the closing date of the awards
- have an abstract accepted for oral presentation
- attend and present their abstract
- apply on the abstract form for an Early Career Researcher Award at the time of abstract submission

Award

Return airfare from city of origin plus registration fee (or registration fee only for applicants from same state of meeting) **

*** Applicants from regional areas in the same state as the meeting may be able to receive assistance with their travel expenses.*

**Career Disruption: Career disruptions will be considered in calculating eligibility for awards. A career disruption involves a prolonged interruption to an applicant's capacity to work, due to pregnancy; major illness; carer responsibilities including parental leave and care for immediate family (e.g., spouse, children or elderly parent), or work within industry (with no capacity to be involved with medical research). Note that clinical work cannot be taken into consideration for career disruption if applying for the Clinical Researcher Award, and teaching roles (within a university or Clinical environment) cannot be taken into consideration for career disruption for any award. Any relevant career disruptions need to be clearly outlined in a separate word document submitted with your abstract and be approved by the supervisor(s)*

3. Kidney Health Australia Awards for Clinical & Laboratory Presentations

The KHA has generously sponsored two awards, each to the value of \$1,000, for the best clinical and laboratory-based presentations at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The awards are judged on abstracts and presentation at the ASM, and all presenting financial members of the Society are eligible.

4. The Ian McKenzie Prize for Outstanding Contribution in Transplantation

This prestigious award recognises researchers who have demonstrated excellence and exceptional contribution in the field of transplantation. Preference will be given to applicants who are within 10 years of embarking on their own research programme either in the field of basic science, clinical research or both. The defining period for assessment will be the postdoctoral research years or a similar independent research period, considering career disruptions.

The application should include a summary (maximum of 2 pages) outlining the overall direction and achievement of their research work and how these findings have influenced the progress of science or clinical medicine/surgery in field of transplantation. A full Curriculum Vitae should be submitted which includes a record of original publications, research grants, lectureships and awards or other relevant achievements. The summary and Curriculum Vitae will be used to assess each applicant.

The award will open annually for suitable applicants. An award subcommittee will be appointed, which may include assessors from overseas. The awards committee will report to the President and recommend the highest ranked successful applicant. If there are no suitable applicants in any given year, the committee reserves the right not to make an award. The successful applicant will receive \$5,000 for personal use.

The award is open to all members of the Society and applicants must be financial members of TSANZ for at least 12 months at the time of applying.

The successful applicant will be expected to present their body of work at the Annual Scientific Meeting the following year.

5. **The Mark Cocks Award**

This prestigious award is to recognise the life of Mark Cocks and his contribution to Transplant Australia and the wider transplant community. It has been generously offered by **Transplant Australia** through their Team Life programme.

Objectives and Focus

The aim of this award is to encourage members of the transplant community to study or enhance transplantation techniques and procedures or develop innovations that will improve survival rates and the quality of life of patients.

Selection Criteria and Funding

The award is open to all members of the Society and applicants must be financial members of TSANZ for at least 12 months at the time of submitting an application. Members are only eligible to receive the award once. The successful applicant will receive \$5,000 to be used towards the research project which may include, but is not limited to, travel, accommodation, materials, salary and associated costs.

The successful applicant will be formally announced and presented with their award at the TSANZ Annual Dinner during the ASM.

6. **The Lafferty Distinguished Service Award**

The inaugural TSANZ/Lafferty Award was presented at the TSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in 2016 and is named in memory of Kevin Lafferty, an Australian pioneer in transplantation biology who discovered that co-stimulation was required for T cell activation and graft rejection. The award is presented every 2 years to recognise a member of the society who has made significant and outstanding contributions to the advancement of transplantation in Australia and New Zealand and to the TSANZ.

Lafferty's strategic vision aligned with those of TSANZ, namely to:

- Encourage the development of young investigators as independent scientists
- Strengthen existing research activities and introduce new research activities that will maintain the society's leadership in transplantation
- Enhance student teaching and training
- Develop links between basic science and clinical studies

Eligibility

- **This is a late career award and applicants may be scientists or clinicians who have made a significant contribution aligned with the TSANZ/Lafferty strategic vision.**
- Applicants must be financial members of TSANZ for at least 5 years at the time of applying
- Members are only eligible to receive the award once

Nomination

- A call for nominations will go out to all TSANZ members at least 3 months prior to the selection date
- TSANZ members are encouraged to nominate worthy fellow TSANZ members *however* candidates can self-nominate

Application Process

Included in the application must be the following:

- 1) Application for Award consisting of: (3 pages maximum):
 - A summary specifically addressing Lafferty's strategic vision
 - The applicant's significant achievements and impact on the field of Transplantation
 - The applicant's future vision of success in Transplantation
- 2) Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum) including the following information:
 - Career summary
 - Education and Training
 - Positions, honours and awards
 - Publications
 - Research support and/or other scholastic achievements
- 3) Relative to Opportunity Statement (if applicable)

Important Note: Application format. Margins must be 2cm. Font must be Times New Roman and no less than 12 points. Line spacing single. Header/Footer may be outside the margins.

A panel of judges will be appointed which will include TSANZ SPEC and members of TSANZ Council. This panel will report to Council and recommend the highest ranked successful applicant.

The winner will be announced at the TSANZ Annual Dinner during the ASM, receive a plaque/medal and asked to give a brief speech to highlight their career to date.

Applications must be lodged by emailing a single PDF file (MS word files will also be accepted) to the TSANZ SPEC at tsanz@tsanz.com.au

7. The Josette Eris Memorial Award

This prestigious biennial award (which commenced in 2017) is to recognise the life of Josette Eris and her contribution to Transplantation in Australia and the wider transplant community. The award is designed to encourage early to mid-career female members of the transplant community to remain competitive in their field as they balance the challenges and commitments of work and family and/or those who may have compounding reasons for needing support. The successful applicant will receive \$10,000.

The target candidate for this award is a female emerging leader in Transplantation. The candidate can be in clinical transplantation or transplant related research (basic or clinical). The award should be used to help bolster the candidate's ability to achieve their aspirations to lead and make a cultural change towards achieving gender equity in Transplantation.

Eligibility

The award is open to early to mid-career female members of the Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) who fulfil the criteria above. Applicants must be financial members for at least 12 months at the time of applying. Members are only eligible to receive the award once. A panel of judges will be appointed which will include TSANZ SPEC and members of TSANZ Council. This panel will report to Council and recommend the highest ranked successful applicant.

Application Process

Candidates should **self-nominate** and include the following in their application (5 pages maximum in total – *please collate into one document before submitting*):

Application for Award (2 pages maximum)

- The applicant's significant achievements and impact on the field of Transplantation
- The applicant's future vision of leadership and success in Transplantation

- The applicant's contribution to the community and ability to enhance cultural change as a promotor, mentor and supporter of women in Transplantation.
- How the Josette Eris Award will contribute to the applicant's personal and professional development and enable them to remain competitive in the field of Transplantation. Some examples for funding include (but are not limited to): funding a research assistant, support for relevant IT purchases, support for relevant travel to international/national conferences, PhD scholarships and/or to fund a replacement of teaching and administrative duties (specific budgets do not need to be given)
- Curriculum Vitae (2 pages maximum) – must include dates of:
 - first substantive post, and FTE years to date
 - fellowship and FTE years to date
 - PhD award and FTE since
- Relative to Opportunity statement (1 page maximum)

Reporting

The successful applicant will be formally announced and presented with their award at the TSANZ Annual Dinner during the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) and will be expected to provide a report at the ASM the next time the award is presented.

Applications must be lodged by emailing a PDF to the TSANZ SPEC at tsanz@tsanz.com.au

8. TSANZ Aviva Rosenfeld Award for Excellence in Patient Care in Transplantation

This award has been established in honour of Aviva Rosenfeld, the TSANZ Executive Officer from 1996 to 2015.

This award will recognise an outstanding clinician who has demonstrated excellence in patient care in transplantation – by putting patients/families first, involving patients in care, communicating effectively and providing compassionate and empathetic care.

The recipient will receive registration to the TSANZ ASM as well as return economy flights and accommodation in order to receive the award at the TSANZ Annual Dinner.

Eligibility and entry criteria

- Any healthcare worker (including physicians, surgeons, nurses, psychologists, social workers, and other allied health professionals) who provides care to patients and families in transplantation can be nominated
- Nominees must be practising in Australia or New Zealand
- Nominees do not have to be a member of TSANZ
- If nominated by a clinician, the application **MUST** also include a supporting paragraph by a patient(s) or family member/carer of a patient(s)
- If nominated by a patient/family member/carer, the application **MUST** also include an endorsement of the unit/line manager
- Optional - submit a photo of patient, clinician or both

The judging panel will include the Award Chairs, a representative of TSANZ council, a representative of Transplant Australia and a patient representative.

The entries will be **scored** by a judging panel on the following criteria:

- Patient-focussed
- Involvement of patients/families in care
- Patient-centred effective communication
- Compassion and empathetic care
- Demonstrated impact on improved patient care and outcomes

Nominations

Nominations can be made by transplant recipients, donors, donor families and colleagues via the online nomination form on the TSANZ website.

OTHER AWARDS

9. Travel Awards to attend International Transplantation Meetings

AIM: These travel awards are made available to facilitate eligible TSANZ Student and Early career Investigator members to attend international meetings relevant to transplantation.

The award will support travel and registration for the meeting.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Be a financial member of the Society of 12 months standing from the date of approval of membership to the Society to the date of the meeting
2. Be a full time or part time student enrolled for a higher degree (student) or Early Career Basic (within 5 years of their highest degree) or Clinical (within 3 years of completing their highest degree/specialist qualification) Researcher.
3. ***Senior investigator in a non-clinical position may apply***
4. Be submitting an abstract as a presenting author at a transplantation-oriented meeting (must have abstract accepted to receive the travel grant funds)
5. Not be in receipt of a bursary from the meeting organisers and must have applied (if eligible) for such a bursary
6. Attend and present their abstract
7. No discrimination between oral and poster presentations
8. Applicants may apply twice in a five-year period
9. When there are too many eligible applicants, preference will be given to those not previously supported
10. Council will not score abstracts

Closing Dates

There will be **two (2) closing dates** per year:

1st December for meetings held 1st January – 31st May

1st May for meetings held 1st June – 31st December

Selection Process:

The TSANZ SPEC will review the applications and award travel grants to each eligible applicant up to the value of \$2,500.

Successful applicants must supply a brief summary of meeting highlights to the TSANZ office for inclusion in the annual TSANZ newsletter.

A minimum of 4 grants per round will be awarded.