

Award

Subject: The Konrad Muller RCPA Outstanding Teaching Awards
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Background:

The College recognises that many Fellows of the College, Fellows of Faculties and other Scientists, including those working in private practice and outside an institution with an accredited training program, make an outstanding contribution to the teaching and training of registrars, often in their own time. So that the contribution does not go unrecognised, the College has established two Awards, one for Fellows of the College and one for Scientists, for 'Outstanding Teaching', analogous to the teaching awards made available by many universities in Australasia.

Prof Konrad Muller (1937-1971) was a Past President of the College and was passionate about teaching and education. He supported, mentored and inspired many pathologists and scientists and was instrumental in setting up the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology as well as the Faculty of Science of the College and was the Chief Examiner for the Faculty.

Eligibility:

The Award for Outstanding Teaching shall be for Fellows of the College or Scientists who have made an outstanding contribution to the teaching of pathology, and in particular, to the teaching of registrars.

It is particularly intended for Fellows or Scientists who volunteer their personal time and make available their often privately acquired teaching material to registrars. The award is directed at those who in their teaching commitment voluntarily and consistently surpass their contractual requirements and who show a passion for teaching and whose dedication to their subject inspires their students.

Nominations shall be called for each year, but the award will only be made if suitable nominations are received.

Procedure:

Nominations for the award shall be called for annually, with an appropriate closing date for nominations (proposed 31 July each year). Following the Trainees Committee review and judging of nominations and the formal approval of the Board of Directors, the winners will be

advised. The award recipients will be invited to receive the award at the annual Admission of New Fellows and Awards Ceremony held during the Pathology Update in February to March each year. The names of all those nominated will be recognised via inclusion in the College newsletter, Pathology Today when all awards are published.

Candidates for the award shall be nominated by at least two Trainees, Fellows or members of the College. Nominations should be made in writing and shall take the form of: 1) a completed nomination form (including the Guidelines for Nominators section); 2) confidential letters directed at the Chair of the Trainees Committee detailing reasons for the nomination.

The Trainees committee will take into account:

- the extent to which the claims for outstanding teaching are supported by documentation provided
- the extent of commitment, creativity, dedication and continued support
- the Trainees Committee may contact nominators for clarification or further information.

The Trainees Committee will consider all submitted nominations and forward their recommendation(s) to the College Board of Directors for decision.

Recipients may only receive the Award once. Previously unsuccessful nominees are eligible for renomination.

The Award shall be a certificate and a suitable gift. In addition, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, the College may pay expenses such as airfares and accommodation to attend the Awards Ceremony.