



AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS

THE COLLEGE PRIZE

Inaugurated in 1975 this prize is awarded by the College Council to a veterinarian (generally less than 10 years since graduation) who makes an outstanding practical contribution to veterinary science or practice in Australia or New Zealand, especially during the preceding five years without the support of an academic environment. The successful candidate will have worked mainly in practice as a clinician, as an official veterinarian or in the area of applied research, rather than as an academic or in basic (other than 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 work
- c) professional activities during the preceding five year period

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 practical 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 will have been carried out in the preceding five years and should have been carried out in Australia or New Zealand.

Procedure

1. Nominations should be sent to the Awards Committee Convenor of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists 3/2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains, Queensland 4013. The sponsor should consider the above criteria in preparing the nomination. Nominations close on the **28 February**. No nominations will be accepted after this date.
2. The sponsor should provide a curriculum vita. Details of dates and periods actually spent in the execution of the work should be given.
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 College 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 colleagues.

The Nominations should 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 College Manager. These statements should be made against the selection criteria.
- Citation of no more than 400 words for the Awards brochure

Selection Panel:

The President, Past President and Awards Committee Convener of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists.