

2017 IAHA National Indigenous Allied Health Award Guidelines

The purpose of the IAHA National Indigenous Allied Health Awards is to recognise the contribution of IAHA members to their profession and/or improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The IAHA National Indigenous Allied Health Awards showcase the outstanding achievements in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander allied health and provides identifiable allied health role models to inspire all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to consider and pursue a career in allied health.

The 2017 IAHA National Indigenous Allied Health Awards will be held on Tuesday 28 November 2017 at the Rendezvous Hotel Scarborough, Perth during the IAHA 2017 National Conference, where winners will be announced at a gala dinner.

There are 6 categories of IAHA National Allied Health Awards:

1. **Future Leader in Indigenous Allied Health Award**

Prize: \$1,000

Selection Criteria

- Current IAHA Full Member (Student)
- Currently enrolled in an entry level allied health degree
- Demonstrated leadership capabilities - family, community, university, employment, volunteer work
- Demonstrates commitment to their studies and leadership journey particularly a future in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing
- Evidence of being an inspirational role model for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2. **Indigenous Allied Health Student Academic Achievement Award**

Prize: \$1,000

Selection Criteria

- Current IAHA Full Member (Student)
- Currently completing their two final years of an entry level allied health course
- Demonstrated consistently high academic progress throughout their allied health course
- Demonstrated contribution to university life and/or community and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- Evidence of being an inspirational role model for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3. Indigenous Allied Health Professional of the Year Award

Prize: \$1,000

Selection Criteria

- Current IAHA Full Member (Graduate)
- Has graduated from an entry level allied health degree and has worked in a relevant field for at least 5 years.
- Demonstrated commitment, dedication and contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families /or communities within their profession
- Evidence of being an inspirational role model for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

4. Allied Health Inspiration Award

Prize: \$1,000

Selection Criteria

- Current IAHA Full Member (Graduate or Student)
- Demonstrated ability to inspire others through their positive approach to their personal and professional allied health journeys – overcoming challenges and taking a strengths based approach to success
- Demonstrated commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Evidence of being an inspirational role model for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

5. Commitment to Indigenous Health Award

Prize: \$1,000

Selection Criteria

- Current IAHA Associate Member (Individual or Corporate)
- Demonstrated commitment and contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through allied health
- Demonstrated cultural responsiveness in the delivery of services/programs/initiatives to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Evidence of being an inspirational role model for other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

6. IAHA Life Time Achievement Award

Awarded to an IAHA Member (Full or Associate) for long standing commitment in their profession and in improving the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Selection Criteria

- An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person

- Has contributed significantly to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and wellbeing over 10 years or more (policy, practice, service, academia etc)
- Extensive involvement with IAHA; Aboriginal land Torres Strait Islander peoples and/or communities (minimum 5 years)
- Demonstrates national, state or regional leadership in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health or allied health sectors.

NOMINATION and the SELECTION Process

Nominations for the 2017 IAHA National Allied Health Awards open Monday 3 July 2017 and close Friday 29 September 2017.

There are 2 steps in the process towards winning an IAHA National Allied Health Award (excluding the IAHA Life Time Achievement Award which will be nominated and selected by an Awards selection committee).

Step 1 is the nomination process.

- Go to IAHA conference website page www.iahaconference.com.au
- Click on the 'National Awards' button to access the online award nomination form.
- Complete the online nomination form by Friday 15 September 2017.
- A person may nominate themselves or another person and the nomination must be supported by an IAHA member who will need to provide a supporting statement.
- Nominators will need to address the selection criteria with as much information as possible. You can do this in a separate document and attach with any supporting material such as references, academic transcript, resumes and newspaper articles.
- Additional references from a colleague, fellow student, academic staff, or organisation to are **strongly encouraged** in order to support the claims against the criteria.

Step 2 is the selection process.

- The selection panel will include members of the IAHA Board, IAHA CEO and an external person.
- The panel will assess the applicants in each category against the selection criteria.
- Finalists for each category will be selected and will be notified and encouraged strongly to attend the Award Dinner where the winner will be announced.
- The selection panel's decision will be final. There is no appeals process for the selection of award winners.