

ANZAED Peter Beumont Early Career Investigator Award

Terms Used in this Document

- ANZAED: Australia and New Zealand Academy for Eating Disorders
- Peter Beumont: founding President of ANZAED
- Early Career Investigator: Investigators currently enrolled in Honours/4th year or postgraduate study, or within 3 years of their highest qualification at those levels. Further detail below.
- Career disruption: prolonged interruption to an applicant's capacity to work, due to: pregnancy, major illness/injury, or carer responsibilities.
 - Interruptions must involve either a continuous absence from work for periods of 28 calendar days or more and/or a long-term partial return to work that has been formalised with the applicant's employer/university/training institute.

Purpose of the Award

The Peter Beumont ANZAED Early Career Investigator Award (hereafter referred to as the Peter Beumont award) is an award for early career investigators who have an Abstract accepted and will present their research as an oral presentation at the upcoming ANZAED Annual Conference. The purpose of the award is for ANZAED to support the development of and opportunities for emerging researchers in eating disorders in Australia and New Zealand to present their research findings.

Award Support

One award will be given. The award comprises:

1. Full reimbursement for the ANZAED annual conference, at which the prize was awarded
2. \$500 AUD honorarium

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be members of ANZAED at the time of application and at the time of the conference, and
2. Applicants must be honours/fourth year students, postgraduate students, or within 3 years of fourth-year or postgraduate degree. Career disruptions that result in an applicant being > 3 years post their highest awarded degree will be taken into consideration and details regarding the disruption should be explained in documentation submitted with the application (see below in Application Materials and Procedure section).
3. Applicants must have submitted an abstract(s) for an oral presentation at the upcoming ANZAED annual conference, for which they are first author
4. Applicants are ineligible for the award if they have previously received the ANZAED Peter Beumont award.
5. Current members of the ANZAED Executive Committee are not eligible to apply

Selection Process

Six finalists will be selected for the Peter Beumont award. Selection for the final will be based on the scientific abstract submitted for the conference and will be scored according to criteria used by the Scientific Committee for the upcoming ANZAED conference to score all abstract submissions to the conference. The six applicants for the award with the highest scores will be selected as the finalists.

The six finalists for the award will present their research in a dedicated oral presentation session at the conference. The winner of the award will be determined following judging of the presentations.

Selection Criteria for Judging Oral Presentations

70% - Research Quality

The quality of the research presented at the conference will be evaluated according to the following: strength of the rationale for the study, the appropriateness of the research design to address the aims/research question, including methodology and analyses, the accuracy of interpretation of findings, and the significance (e.g., the importance or impact of the study to the field of eating disorders) of the research.

30% - Presentation Style and Delivery/Engagement and Communication

The quality of the presentation will be evaluated according to the following: organization and cohesion of the presentation, presentation style and engagement of the audience, and visual and audio materials used in the presentation.

The scoring rubric in the Scoring Procedure document provides more detail on the scoring criteria for the award.

Application Materials and Procedure

1. Applicants must submit the following materials in their application:
 - a. Abstract(s) that were submitted for the upcoming ANZAED conference, and
 - b. Verification of status as an early investigator as defined under Eligibility Criteria (e.g., a letter from current training program/supervisor, degree conferral with date)
 - i. For applicants who have experienced career disruption, a separate document should outline details regarding the career disruption, including date of onset of disruption, duration of disruption (in months, and or years), and reason for the disruption.
2. These materials must be submitted via one of two methods indicated on the ANZAED website, by the time and date specified on the ANZAED website
 - a. Email to ANZAED (addressed to: anzaed@anzaed.org.au, subject line: "Your name - Peter Beumont Award Application" or
 - b. Through a web portal (address to be provided on ANZAED website).

Selection Procedures

Eligibility, including ANZAED membership status, will be verified by ANZAED prior to confirmation of selection of finalists. Presentations of all finalists will be judged during the dedicated oral presentation session at the conference. The judging panel will comprise no fewer than 3 reviewers, selected by the ANZAED Conference Chair(s). The panel will score the applications according to the Selection Criteria. The top-ranked applicant will be awarded the prize.

Acceptance of the Award

- The award will be presented at the awards ceremony of the ANZAED conference.