

Award

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The Award honours Fellows of the College and Fellows of Faculties who have made an outstanding contribution to pathology, either in research, teaching or administration, and who have attained a position of eminence in their chosen field.

Nominations are called for each year and are presented in the following year at the College's Admission of New Fellows and Awards Ceremony. An award shall be made if a nomination of suitable standing has been received.

Procedure

Nominations for the Award shall be called for each year.

The closing date for nominations shall be such as to ensure that the process has been completed and sufficient time has been allowed to advise recipients prior to the Awards ceremony held during March at Pathology Update. A minimum of 3 months' notice would be considered adequate (particularly when overseas travel is often involved).

Candidates for the Award shall be nominated by at least two Fellows of the College or Fellows of Faculties. Nominations shall be in the form of confidential letters to the Secretary/Treasurer and shall give detailed reasons for the nomination. Nominations may be supported in writing by non-members of the College. Personal lobbying shall be discouraged.

The Awards Committee shall consider all applications and may seek the advice of the relevant State/Regional Councillor or Vice President for New Zealand, prior to consideration and discussion. The Awards Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors that an Award be considered if a nomination of suitable standing has been received.

The Board of Directors shall consider all nominations in confidence. The Directors may seek advice from the peers experienced in the nominee's field of work and familiar with his or her standing and reputation. Peers need not be Fellows of the College. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

The Award shall be a gold medal. In addition, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, the College may pay such expenses as airfares to attend the award ceremony, accommodation and meeting registrations.

The recipient's name will be placed on the Distinguished Fellows Honour Board at the College.