

SUMMARY

The ASUM Awards of Excellence provide the opportunity for colleagues and peers to promote each other and acknowledge outstanding performance for the benefit of the profession and ultimately patient care.

It is expected that all members strive to achieve professional goals to contribute to the mission of ASUM. The Awards of Excellence scheme is designed to reward those whose contribution to the profession is beyond expectation and highlights as further described below.

The categories are a mix of nomination, election, and outright performance and are designed to cover the majority of ultrasound services. Some of the industry's most reputable experts, as well as the quiet achievers, are recognised in these awards.

Criteria:

The Awards of Excellence are designed to reward those who:

- have performed well in all the key areas in their ultrasound role, AND
- consistently demonstrate exceptional performance, significantly above that which might reasonably be expected for their position/grade,
- are acknowledged by their peers as consistently demonstrating excellence in the field of medical ultrasound
- are current ASUM members in line with the criteria of the award

Awards are not intended to reward a person for performing their job or additional paid work (i.e. taking on a paid position of higher duties for a short time).

AWARDS of EXCELLENCE (AoE) CRITERIA

Life member

This is the highest award available to recognise the exceptional contribution made by individuals to ASUM and the field of medical ultrasound. Subject to confirmation by an Annual General Meeting, the Board may elect any Medical, Sonographer, Scientific, Allied Health, or Overseas Member to Life Membership of ASUM based on outstanding contributions over a number of years, or for any other reason as the Board considers warranted.

Criteria:

- ASUM member for greater than 20 years (overall membership)
- Has contributed to ASUM in a valuable way (e.g. volunteer roles, AJUM editorial board, committee, or Board member).
- Long-standing contribution to the profession and ultrasound professional community
- Contributes to the ASUM mission of “promoting ultrasound excellence” either locally or internationally.
- Is recognised as a leader in the field of medical ultrasound either locally and/or internationally.
- Member must meet the constitutional requirements and be a person of good standing

Honorary Fellow

The Board may appoint an Honorary Fellow of ASUM to any person who is in the opinion of the Board entitled to Honorary Fellowship for outstanding work in their ultrasound profession over a number of years, or such other reason as the Board considers warrants such election.

Criteria:

- Member for greater than 10 years (overall) or associated overseas organisation
- Contributes to the ASUM mission of “promoting ultrasound excellence” either locally or internationally.
- Is viewed as a leader in the field of medical ultrasound either locally and/or internationally.
- Member must meet the constitutional requirements and be a person of good standing
- Assists in education and sharing of knowledge

And/or

- Advocates for the profession both locally and internationally and the highest standards of care in diagnostic ultrasound to ensure quality outcomes for all patients.

Australasian Sonographer of the Year

The Australasian Sonographer of the Year award is presented annually and nominees must be a permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand. This award recognises an accredited sonographer who strives for professional excellence, expressing their personal desire and passion for advancement in their

profession. Nominees must demonstrate how their initiative and drive have significantly contributed to their specialist area of sonography.

* The nominator must specifically outline examples of how the nominee's initiative and drive have significantly contributed to their specialist area of ultrasound.

Criteria:

- Current financial member
- Contributes to the ASUM mission – specifics on how they have advanced clinical practice or standards of patient care (relating to ultrasound). This contribution may be based locally or internationally.
- Has volunteered for ASUM to share knowledge at events, conferences, workshops, CPD, online resources
- Excellence in their individual performance

Australasian Sonologist of the Year

The Australasian Sonologist of the Year award is presented annually and nominees must be a permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand. This award recognises a Medical professional who strives for ultrasound excellence, expressing their personal desire and passion for advancement in their profession. Nominees must demonstrate how their initiative and drive have significantly contributed to their specialist area of ultrasound.

* The nominator must specifically outline examples of how the nominee's initiative and drive have significantly contributed to their specialist area of ultrasound.

Criteria:

- Current financial medical member
- Contributes to the ASUM mission – specifics how they have advanced clinical practice or standards of patient care (relating to ultrasound). This contribution may be based locally or internationally.
- Has volunteered for ASUM to share knowledge for events, conferences, workshops, CPD, online resources
- Excellence in their individual performance

NB: The term 'sonologist', for the purpose of the awards of excellence, is defined as a medical specialist who is qualified to perform, interpret and/or report diagnostic ultrasound.

Award for Humanitarian Service

This award recognises any member who has distinguished themselves by advancing the standard of ultrasound locally or internationally in areas of social hardship by volunteering their time and expertise to the clinical professional development of others.

*The nominator must specifically outline examples of how the nominee has advanced the clinical professional development of others in socially disadvantaged areas.

Criteria:

- Current financial member
- Contributes to the ASUM mission – specifics on how they have advanced clinical practice or standards of patient care (relating to ultrasound). This contribution may be based locally or internationally.
- Consistently demonstrates a commitment to, and delivery of, outstanding patient care
- Has provided Outreach support to improve ultrasound access in regional and remote regions of Australia and New Zealand and/or internationally (whether via ASUM Outreach, other organisations or individual)

Educator of the Year

This award is presented annually to an Accredited Sonographer, Clinician or Allied Health practitioner who is committed to teaching and strives for excellence in the professional development of their students.

*The nominator must specifically outline examples of how the nominee has demonstrated educational and training excellence with their students in their unpaid clinical role. For example, a tutor sonographer who manages a number of registrars in clinical time to further learning and skills to promote ultrasound excellence.

Criteria:

- Current financial member
- Contributes to the ASUM mission – specifics on how they have advanced clinical practice or standards of patient care (relating to ultrasound). This contribution may be based locally or internationally.
- Excellence in their individual performance
- Performs a training or teaching role (whether in an employed clinical setting or as a volunteer) to an exceptional level to achieve the best outcome for the patient (in line with the mission)