

## 2026 CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING AWARDS

The Cardiovascular Nursing Council (CNC) is committed to recognising and celebrating new and early career nurse researchers and clinical cardiovascular nurses. Two awards will be presented in 2026 to recognise outstanding cardiovascular nurses and their contribution to research and/or practice.

### 1. Cardiovascular Nursing Research Rising Star Awards

The aim of the Cardiovascular Nursing Research Rising Star Awards is to recognise outstanding cardiovascular nurse researchers who have demonstrated outstanding achievements during their research training and leadership potential. Two prizes awarded (1 x Hons/PhD candidate and 1 x Early Career Researcher), each to the value of AUD\$500.

#### **Applications are invited from**

1. Nurses who are Honours candidates (currently enrolled full-time or part-time, or Honours degree awarded since 1/6/25) or PhD candidates (currently enrolled full-time or part-time or under examination)
2. Early Career Nurse Researchers up to two years post-PhD conferral date (relative to opportunity)

#### **Eligibility**

- Current financial Member of CSANZ and have held membership for at least 1 year at the time nomination;
- Currently registered with a recognised nursing regulatory body as a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner;
- Have research published or accepted for publication in a peer review journal within the previous 12 months (from 1 June 2025 onwards) or presented at a scientific conference within the previous 12 months (from 1 June 2025 onwards, abstracts accepted for CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting 2026 are eligible);
- The nominee must be listed as an author on the peer reviewed publication or conference abstract;
- For Honours or PhD candidates, the research must be a part of their Honours or PhD program of research;
- For Early Career Researchers, research must be part of their PhD or their own program of research.

#### **Nomination Process**

The application is by nomination letter from a research supervisor or a mentor, uploaded by the nominee to the online platform including:

- Confirmation of eligibility and which category applying to;
- Details of career achievements and research leadership potential relative to opportunity;
- A 400-word abstract outlining findings of research undertaken by the nominee;
- The paper/abstract citation needs to be listed clearly in the letter;
- The paper or conference abstract does not need to be attached, unless this is not available online to access.

### 2. Cardiovascular Nursing Clinical Innovation Award

The award will be presented to a Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner who has demonstrated innovation and leadership in their clinical role. There will be one prize awarded to the value of A\$500.

#### **Eligibility**

- Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner employed in a clinical role only in Australia or New Zealand
- Current financial Member of CSANZ and have held membership for at least 1 year at the time nomination;

#### **Nomination Process**

Application is by nomination from the nominee's manager, uploaded to the online platform. The nomination letter should be not more than 2 pages and include details of the clinical innovation and leadership demonstrated by the candidate in the previous 2 years (since 2024). Clinical innovation in developing or implementing a new model of care, clinical education or consumer engagement can be submitted.

#### **Review Process:**

Nominations for Awards will be reviewed by the Cardiovascular Nursing Council Executive.

**Presentation of Awards:** The 2026 Cardiovascular Nursing Awards will be presented at the Nurse Practitioner Symposium to be held on Thursday 06 August, 2026 at CSANZ Sydney