

2026 Clinical Development Award (CDA)

Applications are called for the **Clinical Development Award** to enable **CSANZ nursing and allied health members** to attend the 2026 CSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting in Sydney, Australia from 6-9 August 2026

The Awards are intended to further develop the successful candidate through an increase in their clinical knowledge and expertise, an increased awareness of research and evidence-based practice and will also allow the successful candidate to build on their professional network.

Candidates applying for a CDA are not required to have an abstract accepted for presentation at the ASM.

The Awards:

- The Awards are valued at AUD\$1,000 each to assist in defraying the costs of travel and accommodation with up to five being awarded.
- There will be up to three awards to nursing applicants and up to two awards to an allied health clinician or clinical researcher (non-nursing) applicants.
- Preference will be given on an equal basis to:
 - a) applicants who have not previously been awarded a CDA
 - b) applicants who have not previously attended a CSANZ conference
- Should the recipient of a CDA subsequently be awarded a CSANZ ASM Travelling Fellowship in the same year, the recipient must choose which award they wish to receive. Successful recipients are only entitled to one award.

Eligibility criteria:

1. Must be a nurse or allied health member of CSANZ.
2. The applicant must have held a CSANZ membership for at least 1 year as at application close by date, and be a current financial member.
3. Working or studying in a clinical area of cardiology or cardiothoracic surgery or working in an area where there is a large caseload of patients with cardiac conditions.
4. Applicants must reside outside of the State in which the ASM is being held.

Selection Criteria:

The applicant should address the following criteria in their application:

1. Details of their clinical areas of work or study, including patient caseload and cardiac conditions.
2. How attending the conference will benefit their clinical practice/patients/workplace.
3. How attending the conference will add to the applicant's knowledge base and/or career.
4. How the applicant can contribute to CSANZ and its members.

How to apply:

- Applicants should fill out the online form and address the eligibility and selection criteria, stating if you have previously received a CDA, and if this will be your first CSANZ conference.
- Include the names and emails of two referees with whom you have worked closely and who have been involved in your career development, e.g. mentor, supervisor, manager.
- Successful candidates will be required to write a report for the CSANZ newsletter.
- Applications should be submitted to the online platform.