

2026 CSANZ Cardiovascular Nursing Prize

The CSANZ Cardiovascular Nursing Council (CNC) is committed to recognising and celebrating cardiovascular nurse practitioners. The CSANZ Cardiovascular (CV) Nurse Practitioner (NP) of the Year award is to showcase excellence and innovation in clinical practice, mentoring and leadership. This award recognises outstanding scholarship, or excellence in clinical practice of a NP and their influential impact on improving patients' quality of life, mentoring future NPs and leadership in advancing the work of NPs at a state and national level. The prize award value is \$1,000.

Applications are invited from cardiovascular nurse practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, the applicant must be:

- Employed as a NP in a clinical role in Australia or New Zealand
- Registered with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)/Nursing Council in New Zealand (NCNZ) as a Nurse Practitioner;
- a current financial member of CSANZ at the time of nomination; **AND**
- a paid financial member of CSANZ for the last 2 years at the time of nomination.

Applicants must submit all required documentation as part of their application by the due date. Successful applicants may re-apply for the award four years after their previous successful award applications. Failure to meet these requirements will result in the applicant being classified as ineligible.

Award Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate excellence in clinical practice, mentoring and leadership by contributing **above** their job requirements in one or more of the following areas:

- Innovation of your NP model of care and benefit to patients;
- Demonstration of how your NP model of care is different to current existing models;
- Evidence of mentoring and leadership; and
- Participation in research or quality improvement activities.

Submission deadline

Applications close on Thursday 23rd July 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

How to apply

All applicants must complete the online application and include evidence of innovation of your NP model of care and impact on patient outcomes, demonstration of how your NP model of care is different to currently existing models, evidence of mentorship and leadership, and participation in research or quality improvement activities.

The total word limit for your application must not exceed 1100 words. This excludes your AHPRA/NCNZ registration and CSANZ membership.

Your application must include:

- Application form
- Two referee reports
- Your current AHPRA/NCNZ registration certificate
- Evidence of current CSANZ membership and membership over the past 2 years

Applications will only be accepted via the online application form using the following link:

<https://csanz.secure-platform.com/site>

The CSANZ CV NP Collaborative Executive committee will assess applications and determine the successful applicant. All decisions will be final. The CSANZ CV NP Executive committee may contact grant applicants to seek clarification on points. The CSANZ CV NP Executive committee reserves the right not to allocate the grant on a given year.