

Nicole Turney Memorial Award

Guidelines for Applicants

The Nicole Turney Memorial Award

Nicole Turney began working as a physiotherapist at Bendigo Base Hospital in 1990. She moved into Intensive Care Senior Physiotherapist roles at Bendigo, Box Hill and the Austin Hospitals, and was an active committee member for Cardiorespiratory Group in Victoria. Nicole passed away at the Austin Hospital in 1998. The Nicole Turney Memorial Award was set up in Nicole's memory in 1999.

The Nicole Turney Memorial Award was brought in line with APA conference years in 2017 to be awarded biennially.

Purpose of the award

The Nicole Turney Memorial Award aims to recognise a mid-career cardiorespiratory physiotherapy clinician who has demonstrated commitment to innovation and excellence in improving patient outcomes.

The award seeks to connect the applicant with an appropriate mentor to further develop their knowledge, skills, and/or capacity to implement clinical projects and translate emerging evidence into practice.

There are no grant monies attached to this award.

Eligibility

- The applicant is an APA Cardiorespiratory or Rural member.
- The applicant is currently employed in a full- or part-time clinical role in the area of cardiorespiratory physiotherapy.
- The applicant has conducted or is conducting a clinical or implementation science project in the area of cardiorespiratory physiotherapy and is able to demonstrate improvement in patient outcomes.
- The applicant is willing to give a presentation and/or write a publication for the InMotion, eNews or similar, reporting on their project and experiences with their mentor as part of the award.
- The applicant is willing to acknowledge the Nicole Turney Memorial Award in contributing towards publications or other achievements as appropriate/relevant.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria for the Nicole Turney Memorial Award are based upon i) the innovation/novelty of a clinical or implementation science project conducted by the applicant, and ii) demonstrated benefit to patient outcomes.

Weighting will be given as follows:

	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
<i>The application describes the rationale and methodology of a clinical or implementation science project in the area of</i>	The application: 1. addresses an issue of minor importance to human health or clinical practice.	The application: 1. addresses an issue of moderate importance to human health or clinical practice.	The application: 1. addresses an issue of great importance to human health or clinical practice.

<p><i>cardiorespiratory physiotherapy, and highlights the innovative and/or novel aspects of the project for improving patient outcomes.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. is somewhat unclear in its rationale and methodology. 3. has relatively little innovation or novelty. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. is satisfactory in its rationale and methodology, but may lack some focus. 3. may have some innovative and novel aspects, while others underpin or extend existing knowledge. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. is clear, coherent and comprehensive in its rationale and methodology. 3. is highly innovative and/or novel in concept.
<p><i>The application demonstrates significant benefits in patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) and/or patient-reported experience measures (PREMs).</i></p>	<p>The application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. uses inappropriate PROMs and/or PREMs for demonstrating patient benefit. 5. demonstrates minor improvements in patient outcomes, service delivery, and/or health policy. 6. incrementally advances knowledge or practice in cardiorespiratory physiotherapy. 	<p>The application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. uses appropriate PROMs and/or PREMs for demonstrating patient benefit. 5. demonstrates moderate improvements in patient outcomes, service delivery, and/or health policy. 6. advances knowledge or practice in cardiorespiratory physiotherapy. 	<p>The application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. uses highly relevant PROMs and/or PREMs for demonstrating patient benefit. 5. demonstrates large improvements in patient outcomes, service delivery, and/or health policy. 6. significantly advances in knowledge or practice in cardiorespiratory physiotherapy.

Closing date

Complete the application form and return to Jenny Robertson at jenny.robertson@australian.physio by 30 September 2021.