The John Sands Medal 2026

*The John Sands Medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding service to the welfare of the College.*

**Closing date: 5pm AEST, Sunday 31 August 2025**

Submit this nomination form together with supporting documentation in a PDF file and email to [foundation@racp.edu.au](mailto:foundation@racp.edu.au) with the subject “The John Sands Medal”.

***Note:*** *A nomination is not complete and cannot be progressed unless all required documentation is provided.*

**Terms & Conditions:**

The [Terms and Conditions for College meritorious awards and prizes by nomination](https://www.racp.edu.au/foundation/terms-and-conditions/meritorious-awards-by-nomination) apply.

The College [Conflict of Interest Policy](https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/about/policies-and-guides/conflicts-of-interest-policy.pdf?sfvrsn=68302f1a_10) and [Privacy Policy](https://www.racp.edu.au/home/privacy/policy) apply.

**Nominee details:**

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| MIN: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Name: |  |
| Address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Division /  Faculty / Chapter: |  |

**Nominated by:**

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| MIN: |  | Status: | Fellow  Trainee |
| Title: |  | | |
| Name: |  | | |
| Address: |  | | |
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| Email: |  | | |
| Division /  Faculty / Chapter: |  | | |

**Nominator’s relationship to Nominee** (please give details of any professional relationship and/or personal knowledge)**:**

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| *(Max 150 words)* |

**Eligibility:**

I confirm that the nominee:

is a Fellow of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians, its Faculties or Chapters;

is not a current College Board member;

is not a current College staff member;

has not attained the Office of President of the College at any time;

has not been a previous recipient of The John Sands (College) Medal;

is aware that I intend to nominate them and has granted any permissions necessary, including permission to use the citation provided in College communications, both print and digital.

Please set out details of how you believe the nominee has demonstrated the following:

1. **Contribution to the College**

* The nominee must have made a significant and sustained contribution to the welfare of the College, its members and staff.

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| *(Max 150 words)* |

1. **Professional Leadership**

* Evidence of outstanding leadership displayed through primary roles and contributions on Working Groups and/or Committees within the RACP.

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| *(Max 150 words)* |

1. **Advocacy**

* Significant advocacy on behalf of the RACP and/or members of the College in policy, research or other areas of importance.

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| *(Max 150 words)* |

1. **Representation**

Playing an integral role in one or more of the following:

* representing the RACP and its members in the international arena and/or international affairs
* establishing and maintaining relationships and/or collaborations with international or domestic organisations on behalf of the RACP and its members

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| *(Max 150 words)* |

1. **Teaching and professional education to future and current physicians**

* Evidence of leadership and innovation in teaching and professional education to RACP trainees
* Significant commitment to mentoring and training of current trainees
* Significant commitment to improving educational standards and methodology

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| *(Max 150 words)* |

The nominator should give an overall appreciation and evaluation of the contribution of the nominee. This must include details of the contribution made by the person nominated and the impact of these contributions on others and/or how these efforts have contributed in a meaningful way to RACP activities. The assessment of the contribution of the nominee in relation to others is emphasised as being an essential part of the nomination.

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| *(Max 150 words)* |

Has the nominee’s contribution been recognised elsewhere (e.g. in the media, by other awards, professional/interest groups, local government or the College)?

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| *(Max 100 words)* |

**Supporting Documentation Required:**

CV of nominee (including a 1-page Executive Summary if over 7 pages)

Two signed letters of support from referees, other than the nominator  
(provide details on the following page)

Citation for the nominee (up to 200 words) – *optional, to be used in College communications (print and digital) if the nomination is successful*

**Other supporting documentation** (up to 2 documents with no more than 3 pages each):

I certify that:

I have read the [Terms and Conditions for College meritorious awards and prizes by nomination](https://www.racp.edu.au/foundation/terms-and-conditions/meritorious-awards-by-nomination) and as nominator agree to abide by them.

The information supplied in this nomination is true and correct. I understand that the Royal Australasian College of Physicians may wish to verify this information with any institution or individual. The nominee and I consent to such inquiries being made as part of the selection process.

Signature: Date:

**REFEREE DETAILS** (two letters of support from referees **must** be submitted)

Referees must be able to make direct comment on the contribution/service of the Fellow you are nominating.

**REFEREE A**

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| Title: |  |
| Name: |  |
| MIN (if applicable): |  |
| Organisation/Position: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Email: |  |

**REFEREE B**

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| Title: |  |
| Name: |  |
| MIN (if applicable): |  |
| Organisation/Position: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
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