

## Dietitians Australia General Policy and Procedure Manual

### Awards

# The Joan Woodhill Prize for Excellence in Research (NSW) - Doctorate Prize

## RATIONALE AND PURPOSE OF THE PRIZE

Dr Joan Woodhill was one of Australia's pioneering dietitians in NSW. As she was very supportive of, and encouraged dietitians to undertake research, the Dietitians Australia NSW Branch honoured her legacy by developing the Joan Woodhill Prize for Excellence in Research.

This prize, awarded to newly graduated Doctorate dietitians of a NSW university, reflects the high esteem with which Dr Joan Woodhill is regarded. Money left over after the dissolution of the NSW Institute of Dietitians was gifted to Dietitians Australia NSW Branch for the purpose of supporting ongoing research and scholarships. Annual interest earned from this gift provides the prize. Any changes to the prize in Dr Joan Woodhill's name will remain the responsibility of the Dietitians Australia NSW Branch.

## FORM OF THE PRIZE

The successful nominee will receive:

- The prize presented at the Dietitians Australia Awards Ceremony
- A framed *Joan Woodhill Prize for Excellence in Research* certificate
- \$500 cash prize
- Their name and photo published in the Dietitians Australia Annual Report along with a short outline of the service for which the prize is given
- Their name listed in the Prizes section of the Dietitians Australia website
- Their name promoted through various member communication channels as part of overall prize promotions (i.e., social media, Share Plate and/or direct email)

## ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must:

- be a current Dietitians Australia member,
- be a current Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD)
- have completed doctorate post graduate qualifications from a university in NSW between 1 January and 31 December of the previous year (NOTE: Awards are presented in the year following completion of qualifications).

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## SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees are required to complete the Nomination Form on the [Awards Portal](#) and submit it along with a copy of their PhD testamur (graduation certificate) or letter of completion. Any incomplete applications will not be considered. This prize will only be awarded each year if a suitable candidate with the necessary requirements applies.

To be eligible to apply the candidate must meet the following selection criteria:

- Have joined Dietitians Australia's Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) program.
- Provide a certified copy of their PhD testamur or university-issued letter of completion from their doctorate degree with their application
- Obtain an endorsement from their Supervisor/Course Coordinator of their doctorate degree and obtain their signature on the Nomination Form.
- Submit their application by the closing date.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Nominations must be submitted via the Nomination Form on the [Awards Portal](#).
2. Nominations and supporting documentation must address the selection criteria on the Nomination Form.
3. Name and digital signature of PhD supervisor must be supplied as part of the Nomination Form.

Nominations must be submitted by the closing date. See Awards Program [timeline](#) for key dates.

**Late nominations will not be accepted.**

## METHOD OF SELECTION

- The Awards and Recognition Advisory Committee (ARAC) will be responsible for the selection and report to the Board on their award recipient recommendation.
- ARAC will consider nominations in accordance with the selection criteria and interviews may be used as a mechanism in selection.

## NOTIFICATION AND AWARD PRESENTATION

- The successful nominees and the member/s who made nominations will be notified of the award outcomes. See Awards Program [timeline](#) for key dates.
- The successful nominee will receive the award in an official presentation at the Dietitians Australia Annual Conference or NSW Branch Annual Meeting (or other appropriate ceremony), whichever is applicable, and invited to give a short oration.
- The successful nominee will need to submit a high-resolution professional photo for publishing in Dietitians Australia Annual Report.