



The Emerging Lecturer Awards 2026 Guidelines for Applicants

The Fine Edge of Dentistry Conference
18-19 September 2026, Sydney

1. Applications

- 1.1. Applicants:
 - 1.1.1 Applicants for the RACDS Foundation Excellence in Research Award are required to be either a Fellow or Member of the College
 - 1.1.2 Applicants for the RACDS Outstanding Presentation Award are not required to be members of the College
- 1.2. Applicants must have graduated from their first dental qualification within ten (10) years of the conference date (September 2026).
- 1.3. All applications must be submitted using the provided Application Form.
- 1.4. Each applicant may submit only one entry.
- 1.5. The closing date for applications has been extended to **Monday, 8 June 2026** (from the original published date of Sunday, 7 June 2026).
- 1.6. Applications will be acknowledged through email.
- 1.7. Between three (3) and eight (8) shortlisted applicants will be chosen to present at the conference.
- 1.8. Shortlisted applicants are selected under double blind review and the convenors decisions are final.
- 1.9. Shortlisted applicants must be able to present in-person at the conference on Saturday, 19 September 2026.
- 1.10. Shortlisted applicants will receive complimentary day registration on Saturday, 19 September 2026. Additional conference days must be purchased.
- 1.11. Each presentation will last 12 minutes, followed by up to 3 minutes for audience questions (total 15 minutes). Longer presentation options may be available at the committee's discretion.
- 1.12. Presentations can cover any topic; original research, if chosen, need not be published.
- 1.13. Presentations must be in PowerPoint format.
- 1.14. Each shortlisted applicant will receive a Certificate of Achievement.





- 1.15. Shortlisted applicants who present at the conference will be eligible to win one of two awards:
- RACDS Foundation Excellence in Research Award - valued at AUD\$2,500.
 - RACDS Outstanding Presentation Award - valued at AUD\$2,500.
- 1.16. A singular winner may be nominated to receive both prizes, resulting in a combined prize amount of AUD\$5,000. The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the conference.

2. Award Categories

- 2.1. There will be two awards offered:
- RACDS Foundation Excellence in Research Award - valued at AUD\$2,500.
 - RACDS Outstanding Presentation Award - valued at AUD\$2,500.
- 2.2. It is noteworthy that the judging panel may decide to award both prizes to the same individual.
- 2.3. The prizes are GST free.
- 2.4. The monetary value of both awards is stated in Australian Dollars (AUD).

3. Judging

- 3.1. Judging Panel Composition:
- 3.1.1. The judging panel will consist of:
- The College President or nominee.
 - The Dean / Head of an Australasian dental school, or nominee.
 - A Fellow of the College or senior academic with extensive lecturing experience.
- 3.2. Evaluation Criteria
- 3.2.1. The judging panel will assess:
- Value of lecture (clinical / scientific content)
 - Personal demeanour
 - Use of voice (speed and diction)
 - Use of visual aids and time allocation
- 3.3. Final Decision:
- 3.3.1. The decision of the judging panel will be final, with no right of appeal.

