



## The Robert Stanford Award

### Preamble

The Australasian College of Physical Scientists & Engineers in Medicine (WA Branch) recognises the need to foster the careers and achievements of its members in medical physics, bioengineering and allied disciplines, whether they work in hospitals, in academic institutions or in industry.

This objective represents a prime reason for the existence of ACPSEM WA and, properly executed, will enhance the ACPSEM WA's effectiveness and prestige.

ACPSEM WA is particularly resolved to nurture its younger members, in order to enhance the professions it represents, and to contribute to increasing the quality of health care in Western Australia.

### Rules governing the Award

Therefore ACPSEM WA has resolved to provide a Branch achievement award subject to the following conditions:

1. The Award shall be known as the “**Robert Stanford Award**”, in honour of the founder of the discipline of hospital physics in Western Australia.
2. Applications for the Award shall be made to the Branch Committee via the Secretary of ACPSEM WA.
3. Applicants must be fully paid-up members of the Australasian College of Physical Scientists & Engineers in Medicine (WA Branch), at any membership level.
4. A maximum of one Award will be bestowed per year. There will be at most one winner of each Award.
5. The Award will be based on the submission of a piece of written work, although contributions can be in electronic form, and (for example) represent computer code. The work must lie within the realm of a topic of interest to the Australasian College of Physical Scientists & Engineers in Medicine. Primary authorship is not a pre-requisite; however in the event of non-primary authorship the applicant must prove that they have made a substantial contribution to the collaborative work.
6. Eligible submissions will include works with scientific or technical content such as: scientific papers, written versions of oral or poster presentations at scientific conferences, theses, internal or external reports, manuals and workbooks. Works on medical physics or bioengineering education, the history of ACPSEM WA, history of medical physics or bioengineering in Western Australia, industrial matters and other non-scientific contributions will also be accepted.
7. The submitted work must have been completed or published within the twelve months from 1 July of the previous year to 30 June of the current year.
8. Wherever possible the award will be bestowed on submissions which display originality and scientific merit, judged on the scale of international peer review.

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9. In keeping with ACPSEM WA's objectives in establishing this Award, particularly favourable consideration will be given to applications from younger members of ACPSEM WA.
10. The Branch Committee will reserve the right not to declare a winner in any year.
11. The Branch Committee's decision will be final on the matter of selection of the winner, and on the rejection of other or all applications. The Branch Committee may seek external advice on the merit of a submission.
12. The winner will be decided by a vote of the full Branch Committee of that year. If a Branch Committee member is an applicant for the Award then they will abstain from the process of selection. If there are more than two submissions then a short list of the best two will be obtained by a vote. In the event of a tied vote, the Branch Chairman will have a casting vote in the selection of the short list. The final vote to decide the Award will be made by the full Branch Committee (excluding those who are an applicant for the Award) who will vote by either selecting a submission to receive the Award or selecting the option that no Award should be made in that year. In the event of a tied vote, the Branch Chairman will have a casting vote. If no submission attracts a majority vote and at least half the votes cast are for no Award to be made that year, even with the Branch Chairman's casting vote, then there will be no Award that year.
13. If the work has not already been presented at an ACPSEM event then the winner of the Award will be strongly encouraged to present a paper on their work at the Branch Annual Scientific Meeting, if the Branch Annual Scientific Meeting is held in that year, or at the national conference organised by The Australasian College of Physical Scientists & Engineers in Medicine. The official announcement and presentation of the Award should be made at either the Branch Annual Scientific Meeting or the Branch Annual General Meeting.
14. The winner will be encouraged to prepare a paper on their work for the ACPSEM journal "Australasian Physical & Engineering Sciences in Medicine".
15. All submissions will become the property of ACPSEM WA and will be retained by ACPSEM WA for its records.
16. The winner will be ineligible for the submission of a further application for three years.
17. The rules governing this Award may be amended by a 75% majority vote of the full Branch Committee.

### **The Award**

The winner will be honoured by a framed certificate and cash prize. There are no conditions attached to the spending of the cash prize.

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